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EARL GRANVILLE ON THE REBEL COTTON LOAN.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The State Department has possession of a copy of a letter, addressed, by direction of Earl Granville, from the English Foreign Office, by the Under Secretary to a committee of the holders of the rebel cotton loan, in which he takes the position that the concurrence of both parties to the Treaty of Washington is necessary to place any particular interpretation upon it, and that the Commissioners under the treaty must decide its true intent and meaning in each case presented. The following is the letter:

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 10, 1871.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., I am directed by Earl Granville to assure to you that Her Majesty's Government cannot undertake to place an interpretation on the provisions of the Treaty of Washington without the concurrence of the other contracting party; nor would any such interpretation have any effect. It rests with the Commissioners to be appointed under Article 14 of the treaty to decide in each case whether any claim presented to them has or has not been duly made, prepared and laid before them, either wholly or to what extent, according to the true extent and meaning of the treaty. It appears, therefore, to Lord Granville that the claimants in whose behalf you are acting must prefer their claims at Washington in the manner indicated in ratification number two, which appeared in the London *Gazette* of June 30, and that it will then remain for the Commissioners to deal with those claims.

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

HON. JOHN T. MORGAN, Esq.

BILL TO LEGALIZE A CERTAIN NOMINATION.

The Senate Military Committee have reported a bill the effect of which will be to legalize the nominations lately made by the President in the Quartermaster Department. General Logan, who reported the measure, explained that it did not disturb any officer in his present rank, nor give any one affected by it back pay, but only conferred such rank upon those who were passed over in 1866 as they would have had if the appointments there had been according to rank, as the first presented nominations made reduced the number of officers, and mustered a number out without the parties in interest having the least opportunity to be heard, and in fact before the knowledge that any such sweeping changes were contemplated was allowed to reach them from any source.

RAILWAY BIDS FOR POSTAL CONTRACTS.

The House Postal Committee have unanimously agreed to report a bill to prevent straw bids from being imposed upon the Post Office Department. The bill provides that parties wilfully refusing to contract on the terms prescribed by their bids shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and punished by fine and imprisonment. Parties bidding must hereafter affix an oath to their bid that they have the pecuniary ability to fulfil its obligations, and the contractor also must make oath to the same effect, both on their own account and that of the principal, and also enter into further covenant to pay all damages the United States may suffer by reason of the bidder failing to perform the obligations. Where a Government officer affixes his signature to a bond without these conditions being complied with, he shall also be punished by fine and imprisonment, and be removed from office. The Postmaster General shall always have power to make terms with the second lowest bidder, where the first has proved irresponsible.

MICHIGAN PROTESTS.

Senator Ferry submitted a protest in the Senate to-day of the Muskegon lumber manufacturers against the passage of the Chicago Relief bill. The protest, which is written in two different kinds of handwriting, is to this effect: That the undersigned are not in favor of this bill, believing it to be void of justice and equity, and suggestive of fraud. The following are the signatures: Ryerson, Hill & Co., Wm Rutherford & Co., C. H. Pillsbury & Co., C. Davis & Co., John Fawrich & Co., Martin Farley, Hackley & McGarden, W. Fleming, D. G. Massured & Co., Wm. Glue & Co., Biddle Manufacturing Co., Gideon Truesdell, A. V. & H. J. Orton, W. H. Bigelow & Co., T. H. Wilcox & Co., Fitz, Wilcox & Co., Brown, Nelson & Co., Esau Tarrant & Co., S. A. Brown & Co., Sevan, White & Smith, Watson & Johnson.

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.

The President has requested District Attorney Bates, of Utah, to resign. The latter, however, has been advised by a number of Territorial officials not to comply, but to allow removal, with the views of having the reasons assigned in the message nominating his successor. If his office becomes vacant, the intention now is to nominate the present Assistant, Boskin.

NEW ORLEANS CUSTOM HOUSE.

Commissioner Wolfley, of New Orleans, is to be nominated for Surveyor of that port in place of General Longstreet.

TAX AND TARIFF BILLS.

The Committee of Ways and Means now hope to have the Tax and Tariff bills ready to report within ten days at least. The intention now is to report both together, and to proceed to dispose of the tariff first. No vote has yet been taken as to the duties on wools and woollens, and, though a full opportunity has been given for representatives of tariff and of exemption to present their views, it is not probable that they will affect the final decision of the Committee. It is stated now that the duty on pig iron has been finally fixed by the Committee at $6 per ton.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The Senate Finance Committee, having refused thus far to report back the House bill providing for ten hours' payment for eight hours' work on the part of Government employes, the friends of the measure had an item tacked on to the Appropriation bill, which was under consideration in the House to-day, and finally stricken out. Mr. Dawes will attempt to-morrow to again tack this scheme to the Appropriation bill as an amendment, and by ordering the yeas and nays he hopes to secure its passage.

THE SENATE ARMS COMMITTEE

organized to-day, electing Hamlin Chairman, and summoned Secretary Belknap, General Dyer, Sumner, and Schurz.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE COMMITTEE

will next week examine Collector Murphy, Naval Officer Laflin, William Orton, and Special Agent Howe.

To the Associated Press.]

THE JAPANESE—CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—An immense assemblage was present in the House to witness the reception of the Japanese Embassy. The Speaker called the House to order at 11 o'clock, when, on motion of Mr. Cox, ladies who were unable to find a place in the gallery were admitted to the floor. The visitors were announced at the main door, where they came into the hall, escorted by Minister de Long, and Consul Brooks. The Ambassadors occupied the centre of the group, and the other Japanese were arranged in outer line, immediately in their rear. General Banks then formally presented the Embassy to the House. The Speaker addressed the visitors as follows:

YOUR EXCELLENCIES: On behalf of the House of Representatives, I welcome this Imperial Embassy to this Hall. The reception which is thus extended to you is unanimously and cordially tendered by the country. It is significant of the interest which our whole people feel in the rapidly developing relations between the Japanese Empire and the American Republic. The course of migration for the human race has for many centuries been steadily westward. A course always marked by conquest, and too often by rapine. Reaching the boundary of our continent, we encounter a returning tide from your country setting eastward, seeking, not trophies of war, but more noble and enduring victories of peace. These two currents of population appropriately meet and mingle on the shores of the great Pacific sea. It will be my pleasure to present to you personally the representatives of the people. I beg to assure you, for them and myself, that during your stay at our Capital you will at all times be welcome to the privileges, and the courtesies of this floor.

Iwakura responded to read, as if chanting a response, in his own language.

When he had finished, Mr. Banks read a translation, which he asked to have entered on the journal. The translation is as follows:

Governments are strong when built upon the hearts of an enlightened people. We came for enlightenment, and gladly shall it have. Journeying eastward from the Empire of Sunrise towards the sun-rising, we daily behold new sunrise beyond the one we have before enjoyed. The gallant bridge rises daily before us, and when our completed trip shall have passed in review of the continent of globe, we shall gather together our treasures of wisdom, remembering that, however we have advanced towards sources of light, each onward step has revealed further steps beyond. The Government of Japan already appreciates the value of this enlightened policy toward itself or all nations. Under our united assurances, on our return, will confirm to the people at large the friendliness of feeling so frequently expressed hereinbefore, and now so generously exhibited to the Embassy, in the future an extended commerce will unite our national interests in a thousand forms, as dross of water commingle when flowing from our several rivers into final common ocean that divides our countries. Let us express the hope that our national friendship may be as difficult to sunder or estrange as is divide the one blended drops composing our common Pacific Ocean.

This address was received with applause. Introductions were then proceeded with, after which half of the visitors repaired to the Senate, where they remained a few minutes, and when they came back the party left without ceremony.

NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

General Babcock was examined before the New York Custom House Investigating Committee to-day. He swore that he had no interest whatever in Lent & Stocking's General Order business. He had never received money from it in any shape or shape, nor was there any arrangement to receive benefit from any Custom House officers. He also swore that he is detailed from the Engineer Corps as Secretary to the President, and has charge of the public buildings and grounds, and is engineer of the Potomac aqueducts and receives no pay whatever except as a matter of economy. He knew Lent previous to receiving any letter of introduction written by Grant to Lent was written a few days before that appointment, and he also swore that Grant never spoke to him about the General Order business. He had no knowledge of Lent's General Order business was. He knew a few days before the appointment of Grenell that the latter was to be appointed Collector of the Port of New York. He thought the general

STATE LEGISLATURES.

A Good Day's Work Yesterday in the Illinois General Assembly.

Passage of the Apportionment Bill in the House.

The Mayor's Bill Finally Succeeds in the Senate.

Passage of Several Bills of Minor Importance in Both Houses.

Proceedings in Other State Legislatures.

ILLINOIS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

QUINCY WATER WORKS.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 6.—The Senate to-day passed the bill for water works in the city of Quincy, and in the afternoon took up

GREENEBAUM'S BILL,

and adopted some slight amendments, such as that the Trustee shall be appointed by the Governor instead of by the Company, and approved by the Auditor, which help rather than hurt the bill, but make it necessary for it to return to the House, which is a misfortune. When the afternoon had been spent in discussion of these little points a vote was reached and the bill was ordered to a third reading. As thus amended the bill will probably pass.

THE MAYOR'S BILL.

When this was out of the way, the Mayors' bill was called up, and was passed without difficulty, there being only eight votes against it. Messrs. Underwood and Price both spoke briefly but forcibly in favor of the bill, showing the propriety and real necessity of giving to the Mayor the powers contemplated by the bill.

OTHER BILLS PASSED IN THE HOUSE.

The House passed a number of Senate bills, among them one to make Commissioners of Chanute, Thistlen, and for the restoration of court records which have been destroyed by fire. Both of them have been amended by the House. They also passed the Quincy street bill, but without the emergency clause, so that it will not go into effect till July. The bill is also open to question concerning the power of the General Assembly to pass a law vacating the streets of a city.

PRINTING BILL.

The House passed the Printing bill prepared by the Committee on Printing, of which Mr. Sullivan is Chairman, and was about to vote on

THE BURNT RECORDS BILL,

when the House adjourned at noon, and, after dinner, it was pushed out of the way by

THE CONGRESSIONAL APPORTIONMENT BILL.

So soon as this had been read, Mr. Barnes offered a substitute, prepared by himself. Without debate this was laid on the table, by a strictly party vote. Mr. Miller, of St. Clair, then offered one substantially agreeing with the caucus bill in the northern part of the State, but quite different in the south, and intended to increase the number of certain Republican Districts in Egypt, and to insure the election of a Republican in the St. Clair District. This was also laid on the table, most of the Republicans and nearly all the Democrats voting against it. A little amendment offered by Mr. Austin to take Cicero and Fruvisco out of the Third District was also beaten, the Democrats generally going against it. There was no debate, all the minority feeling disposed to say anything as being entirely unsatisfied. The bill as it was, then passed by 96 to 42, receiving the vote of nineteen Democrats. Six Republicans—Braidwood, Bishop, of Lee; Hanaford, of Lake; Johnson, of Rock Island; Latimer, of Knox, and Morgan, of Warren—voted against it. A senate bill not vote at all. The bill was opposed by Democratic votes, as has been expected for some little time, and if more had been needed they could have been procured. The chief opposition to the bill will be in the Senate.

THE INSURANCE INTEREST.

The House Insurance Committee will have a meeting this evening to consider Mr. Dore's bill allowing foreign companies to do business in Illinois, if they have deposited in another State.

Detailed Report of Proceedings.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, March 6, 1872.

REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMED.

Mr. BOYD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred a petition, requesting the Governor to reimburse out of the Sinking fund, portion of expenses of John W. Golden, incurred in arrest and conviction of Stephen M. Ballou, for the murder of a son of Golden, recommending concurrence.

Mr. CRAWFORD moved the adoption of Messrs. HOLCOMB, RICHARDSON, FULLER, VAN DORSTON, YORIS, UNDERWOOD, MCNULTA, HUNTER and HARLAN.

The resolution was concurred in—yeas, 25; nays, 17.

RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS.

The special order, incorporation of societies for religious purposes, was taken up.

Various amendments were offered and discussed at length by Messrs. HUNTER, FULLER, and WASHBURN, and resulted in sending the bill to Messrs. Underwood, McNulta, Hunter, Washburn, and Edsall.

INSURANCE BILL.

Mr. Dore's bill to allow the insurance companies to withdraw securities came up on second reading.

Mr. CRAWFORD offered an amendment providing for the reinsurance fund being retained.

The bill, with amendment, was referred to Senators Eddy and Holcomb.

PASSAGE OF THE WATER-SUPPLY BILL.

House bill 70, to enable cities and towns to contract for a supply of water, &c., was passed. Yeas, 37; nays, 0.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER.

Mr. EDDY called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate bill to provide for the collection of State statistics was lost. The bill passed—yeas, 38; nays, 1—Mr. Donahue voting no.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

Mr. EDSALL called up the House amendments to Senate bill 272, relating to the Illinois and Michigan Canal, which were concurred in—yeas, 37; nays, 3—Messrs. Washburn and Williams voting no.

ADJUSTMENT OF TOLLS.

House resolution relating to the adjustment of tolls upon the Canal and Little Wabash River was taken up and concurred in.

BILL PASSED.

House bill 68, to authorize agricultural societies to sell, exchange, dispose of, and convey lands, was passed—yeas, 37; nays, 1—Alexander voting no.

GREENEBAUM'S BILL.

House bill 86,—Greenebaum's bill,—was taken up on special order.

Mr. FULLER withdrew his amendment, offered a few days ago and offered one to Section 9, by adding that "no greater rate of interest than 10 per cent. per annum shall be taken, in either directly or indirectly by way of discount of notes or other securities purchased or otherwise."

Mr. HOLCOMB was of opinion that amendment did not help the bill at all.

Mr. EDSALL explained and defended the amendment.

Mr. EPLER said that the amendment was in the interest of money-sharers who were opposed to the bill.

Mr. UNDERWOOD opposed the amendment.

Mr. STREVELL offered an amendment providing that the Trustee of the Company should be appointed by the Governor, instead of being appointed by the Company.

Mr. STREVELL offered an additional amendment, verbal in its character. Adopted.

Mr. ALEXANDER offered a verbal amendment. Adopted.

Mr. KERR offered an amendment providing for the redemption of lands sold under foreclosure.

Mr. EPLER objected to the amendment on the ground of discrimination.

Mr. BOYD was opposed to subjecting corporations organized under this bill in any shape to measures not demanded of any others. A discrimination was not only immaterial to the bill but positively detrimental. It was an attempt to legislate in the interest of Eastern insurance companies and other sharks who, in loaning money to citizens of Illinois, have added imposition upon imposition, and discriminated against home institutions and home capital. It was exhibiting a wrong spirit to attempt in this manner to impose burdens of restrictions upon home institutions.

Mr. WASHBURN supported the amendment. He denied that it was any attempt at discrimination as against the corporation authorized by the bill. The amendment was one eminently proper to be made.

Mr. KERR said that he did not offer the amendment with any intention to injure the bill, but the reverse, and also to perfect the bill in order that he might be enabled to vote for it.

Mr. FULLER said that he never had failed to vote for granting the right of redemption, and never would, but would always vote for the interest of the people in this respect. He agreed that it was a necessity, and should be adopted.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. UNDERWOOD offered an amendment providing that the Trustees should file with the Auditor a suitable bond and security for the faithful performance of duty. Adopted.

Mr. WHITING offered an amendment providing that the Trustees shall be citizens of Illinois, countersigning bonds to be issued, and to execute countersign bonds to a greater amount than the securities held by the company. Adopted.

Mr. JEWETT offered an amendment providing for a succession in office of Trustees. Adopted.

Mr. UNDERWOOD moved to amend by striking out the proviso to Section 6: "That no corporation shall be required to deposit with the Auditor more than $100,000," arguing that a company with $1,000,000 capital would not be required to deposit no more than one-half or one-third that amount.

Mr. JEWETT said that unlike other amendments, this particular one was not acceptable to the friends of the bill, and stated his objections at length.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. LANGLEY offered an amendment providing that the Company shall at all times have control of the corporation, and may at any time regulate the rate of interest upon loans by the company, and in event of fraud shall declare the franchise forfeited.

The amendment was adopted—yeas, 27; nays, 12.

Mr. WHITING offered an amendment providing that the Trustees shall make semi-annual reports to the Legislature, and empowering the Auditor to examine the books of the corporation at any time. Adopted. The bill was ordered to a third reading.

MAYOR'S BILL PASSED.

Mr. WOODARD called up the Mayor's bill. Upon his motion to reconsider, the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. HAMPTON stated his objections at length. Chicago in this matter, as in figure with this. It was the interest of the people that was at stake. He did not want a bill of that kind fastened upon the people just because Chicago stood in need of it. The bill passed—yeas, 39; nays, 5, as follows:

Alexander,	Fuller	Hunter,	Strevell,
Anderson,	Harlan,	Jewett,	Sullivan,
Bishop,	Harlan,	Langley,	Underwood,
Carter,	Kerr,	Lawler,	Van Deusen,
Crawford,	La Haye,	Meachem,	Vaughan,
Doggett,	McNulta,	Morris,	Yoris,
Dorn,	McWilliams,	Washburn,	
Early,	Nicholson,	Whiting,	
Eddy,	Price,	Williams,	
Edsall,	Reddick,	Woodard—39.	

NAYS.

Allen,	Bush,	Richardson,
Bishop,	Epler,	Starne,
Bayt,	Hampton,	Williams—5.

BILLS RECEIVED.

Mr. EDDY, from Select Committee, reported back Dore's bill, relating to the withdrawal of securities by life insurance companies, with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. CRAWFORD, from Committee on Finance, reported back the bill providing for the ordinary expenses of the State Government, recommending its passage; also, the bill to publish fifth volume of the geological reports, and to fix the salary of State Geologist, with amendments, which latter occasioned much debate and not a little merriment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE JOURNAL.

A proposed correction of the journal, so to strike out the order making the bill to repeal the Temperance law a special order for Thursday, was discussed for some time and defeated—yeas 67, nays 68.

TAX COLLECTION BILL.

The Revenue Committee reported back the bill for the collection of taxes in cities and sale of land for non-payment of taxes, with sundry amendments. It was moved to adopt the amendments, but finally they were ordered printed, and made the special order for to-morrow morning. The same Committee reported back the Senate bill to amend the bill without recommendation, and it was ordered to a second reading.

MILLS AND MILLERS.

The Senate bill in regard to mills and millers was taken up.

Mr. HAINES offered an amendment that the provisions of the act should apply only to grist mills. He did not want manufacturing establishments given the power to exercise the right of Eminent Domain.

The amendment was lost and the bill ordered to a third reading.

MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

The bill to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery, and the dispensing of medicines, was read the third time.

After some discussion on the third section, which requires prescriptions to be written in English when it can be done, and some general remarks in opposition to the bill by Powell and others, who took exception to the fourth section which forbids the sale of patented medicines unless a statement of their component parts is filed in the County Clerk's Office, Mr. Haines moved the indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to—yeas, 78; nays, 51.

The vote was reconsidered and the bill sent to the Judiciary Committee.

A motion to suspend the rule to send the Dietsching bill to the same Committee, was carried.

HERDER'S BILL.

The bill to prevent the herding or grazing of cattle belonging to a citizen of one county on unimproved lands in another county, was passed—yeas, 103; nays 3. Sl.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The bill in regard to fraudulent weights and measures, giving jurisdiction to Justices of the Peace to the amount of $200, and allowing a suit to recover five times the amount involved, was passed—yeas, 119; nays, 2.

JUDICIAL CIRCUITS.

The bill to define the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit was passed—yeas, 113.

The bill to define the Ninth Judicial Circuit was passed—yeas, 113.

PRINTING BILL.

The bill to provide for public printing was passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SCHOOL BILL.

The Committee on Schools reported back the State General School bill, and it was made the special order for Tuesday morning.

THE APPORTIONMENT BILL

was taken up.

Mr. BARNES offered a substitute for the bill, and spoke in behalf of it, claiming that it had not been gotten up with a political view.

Mr. MILLER (Kane) moved to table the substitute. The motion was agreed to by a party vote, of—yeas, 95; nays, 52.

Mr. MILLER (St. Clair) offered a substitute differing from the original bill in about one-third of the districts.

Mr. AUSTIN moved to amend the substitute by putting Proviso and Cicero in the First District.

Mr. BARNES moved the previous question on the whole subject.

Mr. MILLER'S (St. Clair) substitute was lost—yeas, 35; nays, 95.

Mr. AUSTIN'S amendment was lost—yeas, 44; nays, 86.

The first section of the bill was adopted.

Mr. ROOT moved that the bill be read a third time. It was read a third time and passed—yeas, 97; nays, 41; as follows:

YEAS.

Adams,	Gaines,	Reinhardt,
Armstrong,	Gass,	Remsberg,
Barnes,	Galloway,	Rice (Peoria),
Brayton,	Hall,	Rice (Sangamon),
Brown (Bond),	Hawes,	Richardson,
Burnside,	Hay,	Rives,
Campbell,	Hickox,	Roberts,
Carpenter,	Hitchcliffe,	Rodgers (Madison),
Carey,	Humphrey,	Rodgers (Platt),
Casey,	Hurlbut,	Root,
Chandler,	Jones (Marshall),	Rowley,
Clark (Kane),	King (Cook),	Sanford,
Cloud (Campbell),	King (Jersey),	Shaw,
Cloud (Morgan),	Knous,	Sheldon (Piatt),
Coy,	Lamb,	Sherrill,
Cofer,	Mayo,	Short,
Collins,	McConnell,	Smith (Ogle),
Dement,	McFarland,	Springer,
Daniels,	McMasters,	Stillwell,
Davis,	Morris,	Sullivan,
Derrickson,	Miller (Kane),	Townsend,
Dixon,	Miller (Madison),	Tuttle,
Dodge,	Milner,	Vocke,
Dwight,	Moffitt,	Wait,
Eisenbacher,	Morey,	Waters,
Easley,	Morris,	Watkins,
Efner,	Morrison, (Cook),	Wheeler,
Epler,	Niece,	Williams,
Fisharty,	Phelps,	Williamson,
Frew,	Prickett,	Wight,
Fuller,	Pritchard,	Mr. Speaker.
Funk,	Price,	

NAYS.

Allen,	Johnston,	Phillips,
Barr,	Jones (Crawford),	Rails,
Barrett,	Langston,	Reese (Logan),
Boyd,	Latimer,	Reese (Richardson),
Braiden,	Lee,	Riggs,
Brooks,	Loomis,	Robinson,
Carle,	Manley,	Ross,
Casey (Shelby),	McElvain,	Ryan,
Cummings,	Meeker,	Scott,
Cunningham,	Morgan,	Stewart,
Edgecomb,	Morrill,	Taylor,
Elder,	Morrison (Mon.),	Trimble,
Haines,	Moulton,	Webb.
Jeffries,	Neece,	

POWERS OF JUDGES.

The Senate bill to extend the powers of Judges during the vacation was passed.

MILES AND MILLERS.

The Senate bill, in relation to mills and millers, was passed as amended.—yeas, 98; nays, 13.

PROVING TITLE.

The Senate bill relative to the mode of proving title to land of the Illinois Central Railroad was passed—yeas, 102.

CANADA THISTLES.

Senate Canada Thistle bill was passed as amended—yeas, 126; nays, 11.

OTTAWA BILL.

Senate bill to authorize Ottawa to levy certain taxes was passed—yeas, 108; nays, 3.

RESTORATION OF COURT RECORDS.

Senate bill to restore Court records was passed —yeas, 120.

COURT TERMS.

Senate bill to fix the time of holding Court in the First Judicial District was sent to a Committee of members from that circuit.

ROAD LAWS.

The bill to amend the act of 1845 in relation to exempting members of fire companies from road labor was passed—yeas, 108; nays, 4.

QUINCY STREET BILL.

Senate bill for the extension of Quincy street was taken up.

Mr. BARNES did not favor the bill, thinking it was to help the putting of the Post Office where nobody wanted it. The United States could have bought land at a better place where it would not have to pay $2,000 for ground. The bill, however, was opposed to closing streets in Chicago.

Messrs. PHELPS, HOLT, DIXON, and WAITE, urged the passage of the bill, and explained the peculiar necessity for it.

The bill was passed—yeas, 97; nays, 12.

Adjourned.

IOWA.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, March 6.—In the Senate, bills were introduced providing for the further collection of taxes by Township Collectors in certain cases; providing that there shall be no executions on any judgment rendered on any contract or obligation obtaining a waiver in writing of the right of homestead exemption; making an appropriation of $25,000 for the State Reform School.

The bill to enlarge the powers of School Directors, and increase the efficiency of the public schools, was taken up. It provides mainly that all children in the State between the ages of 5 and 14 shall be sent to school at least sixteen weeks of each year, and subjects parents and guardians to penalties for failure to do so, except by reason of poverty or other good cause, and provides for the enforcement of the law. The bill was amended by striking out provisions for compensation of truant officers, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The bill providing for the issue of State bonds for losses to permanent school fund passed; also, bill authorizing municipal corporations to levy a poll tax.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended the indefinite postponement of bills for the taxation of university lands; providing for appeals from decisions of Boards of Equalization of Assessments, and of the bill consolidating Township Trustees, Councils of cities, and incorporated towns Boards of Equalization.

In the House, a motion to reconsider the bill submitting the question of female suffrage to the people, at the next general election, passed.

There is on file a bill to enable associations to raise money to be loaned in building homesteads.

The bill to create public libraries in cities and incorporated towns, by authorizing a levy of a tax of one mill on the dollar; the bill to protect the life and health of miners, and providing for the appointment of mine inspectors; the bill allowing railroad companies to give a drawback to other roads of 20 instead of 15 per cent, were taken up and passed.

WISCONSIN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, March 4.—Petitions favoring the passage of the Temperance bill continue to pour in.

In the Senate, a bill was presented by the Committee on Charitable and Penal Institutions to authorize the Trustees of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane to sell certain lands, and by the Committee on General Laws a bill to grant the bond paid for damages by any city in Wisconsin into relief associations.

The report of the Committee of Conference on the amendment to the bill prohibiting the purchase or receiving in store of grain by any other weight or measure than at standard weight or measure prescribed by law, was agreed to by a vote of 19 to 15.

The bill providing for keeping an additional record in the office of the County Treasurer was killed, by a vote of 15 to 9.

The bill to establish new counties was laid aside for the present.

The bill making owners of billiard-tables or pigeon hole tables, who allow minors to play, guilty of a misdemeanor, was discussed and ordered to a third reading.

The special order bill taking the gross receipts of telegraph and express companies was postponed until to-morrow.

The Assembly had a session last evening, and passed the following bills: Providing that the State will pay a bounty for killing lynxes, wolves, and wildcats, when the county does it; to protect the use of telegraphic to reduce phonographic Court-reporters' fees; to furnish transcripts of evidence to five cents folio; requiring at town meetings the public reading of accounts of overseers of highways; providing for sending a manager for election returns when the county clerk, Tuesday following election; to amend general law in relation to the sale of lands; for the sale of State lands in the State paper; requiring overseers of highways, on a vote of two-thirds of the voters in road districts, to levy a district road tax of seven mills on the dollar.

The Joint Committee on Claims reported in favor of appropriations of $1,000 each to seven Milwaukee hospitals, orphan asylums, and other charitable institutions.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes on bill in regard to grain purchasers made a report, amending it so as to prohibit sales as well as purchases of grain except at standard weights, and striking out of the Senate's amendment allowing special contracts, which was agreed to by the Assembly.

A large number of bills were ordered to a third reading, and several indefinitely postponed, including one to repeal Revised Statutes of Railroads; to repeal laws relating to collection of taxes; relating to statutes for use of State and County Boards of Assessment; relating to equalization of assessments.

In the Assembly to-day, the Congressional Apportionment bill was made the special order for the evening session.

The Speaker announced Messrs Wallber, B. F. Adams, Bruce, White, and Walters, as the Committee on the Beef Slough.

The Fugitives and Privileges bill and two local bills were introduced by Committees.

A bill to allow wholesale dealers to sell from warehouse without license was indefinitely postponed.

Bills were passed allowing graduates of high schools free admission to the State University on proper certificates; to provide for the appointment hereafter of soldiers' orphans as Legislative messengers, and a few of a local nature. Also memorials to Congress for the erection of a Custom House and a Post Office at Green Bay, and for equalizing bounties to honorably discharged soldiers.

Some two hours were occupied in discussion of the resolution proposing to amend the State Constitution so as to restrict municipal indebtedness to ten per cent of the assessed valuation. It was finally recalled by Messrs. White, Winfield, Smith, Hall, and O'Rourke, and opposed by Winkler and Wheeler. All amendments were rejected and it was adopted by the following vote,—some gentlemen who voted no, saying they endorsed the principle, but believed the amount too small,—the vote stood 23 to 20; absent or not voting, 18.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, March 6.—Bills were introduced in the Senate authorizing Comptroller Green to grant a franchise for a railroad through Twenty-third street, New York, on payment of $150,000; abolishing the present Board of Police of New York, and providing for the appointment by the Supreme Court of ten Police Justices, who are to possess all the powers now vested in the Court of Special Sessions; also a bill abolishing capital punishment, and making punishment for murder imprisonment for life.

A statement was made in the Assembly by two speakers that some members from the rural districts were selling votes on a bill for $10 per head.

No action was taken.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, March 6.—In the House the following bills passed: House bill to protect stockholders in railroads, by providing that all contracts now existing between railroads and their freight lines are null and void; House bill to compel land owners to keep up division fences; also providing that special partners may be taken into a firm without necessitating change of firm name.

Bills were introduced to provide for filling vacancies occurring in corporation offices by Common Councils; to amend Section 62, of Criminal Code, so as to include forfeited recognizance.

ILLINOIS.

Canal Tolls—Important Decision by Attorney General Bushnell—Large Amount of Business Before the Supreme Court.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, March 6.—Attorney General Bushnell has made another important decision, which appears in the *State Register* this evening, as follows: In response to the request of Hon. A. J. Galloway, Chairman of the House Committee on Canal and River Improvement, the Attorney General, Hon. W. Bushnell, has given his opinion as to the power of the State to levy and collect tolls at locks upon the Illinois River, and also upon that portion of the river rendered navigable, or on which the navigation has been improved by the erection of locks and dams on the same. In a very brief letter the Attorney General gives his opinion to the effect that no power to collect such tolls resides in the State. The ordinance of 1787, the enactment of the Supreme Court in the case of the Illinois River Packet Company *vs* the Peoria Bridge Company, 38 Illinois, 490; and Chicago *vs* McGlinn, 41 Illinois, 349, are cited as sustaining the decision. The authorities cited seem to be conclusive as to the law of the question.

The Supreme Court has been in session all day. A large amount of business has accumulated, and bench and bar are hard at work.

Governor Palmer having become convinced that the three Directors appointed by him some time ago, under the provisions of the law in force April 16, 1869, for the Paris & Decatur Railroad Company, were not the proper persons, he to-day revoked their commissions and appointed in their stead Hiram Rutherford, Robert N. Pariot, and Malden Jones, who were duly commissioned to-day.

The Auditor has sent out to day a circular letter to County Collectors, calling their attention to the first section of the act of April 19, 1869, to fund and provide for paying the railroad debts of counties, to wit, a slight addition, each to-year, which requires Collector to pay into the State Treasury all taxes collected for any purpose whatever on the assessment of the year in which any debt is paid, and the said debt was incurred, &c. The Auditor seeks a prompt payment on the part of the Collectors in order that the State Treasurer may promptly pay the interest as fast as it accrues.

Shooting of an Officer by a Horse Thief—Opening of Navigation.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

QUINCY, March 6.—A horse thief having in his possession horses stolen near Mount Sterling, was arrested here this morning when about to cross to the Missouri side. The officer making the arrest allowed his prisoner to remain mounted while he led the animal by the bit. When in front of Police Headquarters the thief drew a revolver, shot the officer through the shoulder, and, putting spurs to his horse, dashed off at a great pace. A crowd of persons witnessed the occurrence, and, although several shots were fired at the fugitive, he succeeded in making his escape, riding out on one of the principal thoroughfares. The horse was subsequently found at a farm-house seven miles distant, but the thief had taken to the timber, eluding pursuit.

Navigation has been resumed for the season, and boats are now making regular trips between here and points below. It is expected the river will be opened to Keokuk this evening.

INDIANA.

Fire at LaGrange—Spirited Newspaper Controversy.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, March 6.—Part of the LaGrange County, Indiana, Infirmary, at LaGrange, was burnt yesterday. One of the inmates, who it was necessary to keep in close confinement, was burned to a crisp. He was a middle-aged man, named Abraham Magundy. Loss not over $500; insurance $200, in the Home, of Columbus, Ohio.

A spirited paper controversy has been carried on here between Hon. W. A. Howard, President of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, and Hon. J. D. Edgerton, Receiver of the same road. Mr. Edgerton claims that the recent action of the Continental Improvement Company in authorizing a bond issue to the amount of $1,200,000 will decrease the value of stock held by the city. He has presented a long communication to the Fort Wayne Council outlining his objections to the matter. Mr. Howard has responded to him through the same channel. The discussion is carried on with more than usual spirit, and should characterize the action of the gentlemen.

The County Commissioners have refused the petition of Southwest Fayne citizens that they be an incorporated village.

MICHIGAN.

Special Election to Fill Legislative Vacancies.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, March 6.—Four special elections were held in the State to-day to fill legislative vacancies. In two of them, Bay County Representative and Third District of Genesee County, there was no opposition to the Republican nominees, Isaac Marston and Frederick Walker, and they have undoubtedly been elected. In the Third District of Jackson County, E. H. Ludlow was the Republican nominee and is probably elected by a large majority. In the Senatorial District composed of Monroe County, a close vote, with uncertain result, between J. S. P. Hathaway, Republican, and Seymour Brownell, Democrat.

LOUISIANA.

The Executive-Judicial Imbroglio—Interview with Governor Warmoth.

NEW ORLEANS, March 6.—Van Norden, reprieved by the Governor, and released, was again rearrested this morning, and sent to the parish prison by Judge Cooley. Thomas Carey, deputy keeper of the parish prison, was also imprisoned for releasing Van Norden yesterday.

The *Times* publishes a long interview with Governor Warmoth, in which he says he never had no intention of making friends with Grant, the Governor said: "I intend to support the nominee of the Cincinnati Convention, if Grant is nominated at Philadelphia. I am unqualifiedly and determinedly opposed to General Grant's re-election as President at the next United States. His reason for opposing Grant is that Grant supported the Federal officials in Louisiana in their efforts to destroy the State Government. Warmoth further said: "If, under any circumstances, I consented to become a candidate for re-election, it would only be as a Reformer on the Reform platform."

A letter has been received from the Chairman of the National Republican Committee requesting the Republican Committee of which Marshal Packard is Chairman as the only regular Republican organization in Louisiana.

Mad Dog Excitement in Kenosha.

KENOSHA, Wis., March 6.—Four weeks ago a small dog, belonging to English, of Kenosha, was discovered in a rabid state, and was killed before it had time to bite anything. It was shut up in a barn with a horse and a hog. During the night he bit both of the animals severely, and the horse and hog were attacked by hydrophobia on Monday, and bit at everything within reach, and throughout the city. On Monday four horses and dogs were discovered about town, causing great excitement and consternation. No persons have been bitten, as far as is known. The President of the City Council yesterday issued a notice that all dogs not muzzled on the 7th inst. will be killed by the Sheriff of the county. Many have escaped to the country, and it is feared that they will spread the disorder.

Reported Death of an Outlaw.

NEW YORK, March 6.—A Raleigh, N. C., despatch says that intelligence has been received there of the killing of Henry Berry Lowery, the leader of the Robeson gang, by a man named Stephen Lowery, of that gang. Stephen confessed the deed, reporting in person to the authorities at Fort Wayne Council outlining his action, and thinks it a mere ruse to enable Lowery to avoid the officials, who are now organizing for his capture.

War Department Weather Prognostics.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The barometer will continue rising on Thursday over the Middle and New England States, with clear and pleasant weather, except over Northern New York and Northern New England. Diminishing storm westerly winds and a continued rise in temperature and pleasant weather from the South Atlantic coast to the Ohio Valley, and thence northwards to the Upper Lakes, with easterly winds and increased cloudiness. The pressure over and west of the Upper Mississippi Valley will diminish during to-night and on Thursday, with increased cloudiness, possibly threatening weather, easterly winds and rising temperature. Southerly winds will continue over the Western Gulf States.

MISSOURI.

The Cass County Road Swindle—Disgraceful Fight in the Legislature.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—The *Democrat's* Kansas City (Mo.) special says that Robert B. Higgins, connected with the Cass County bond affair, who shot himself there yesterday, wrote a letter to his wife, saying that he committed the act to save himself from disgrace, and inclosed $1,000, supposed to be the proceeds of bonds sold before his arrest. Some $50,000 of the bonds are reported to have been sold to Martin's bank, at Kansas City, but this is contrary.

A fistiouff fight occurred on the floor of the lower house of the Missouri Legislature yesterday, between H. J. Latcham, member from Kansas City, and Sergeant-at-Arms Crafton, but neither party was hurt. The affair grew out of a motion by Latcham to postpone further action in a matter in which Crafton was interested. A committee was appointed to investigate the affair who reported in favor of fining parties $100 each and requiring them to apologize; but after a long discussion at last night's session, the report was voted down, and it is probable that no further notice will be taken of the matter.

MICHIGAN.

Three Persons Injured by Kerosene Explosion in Detroit.

DETROIT, March 6.—This morning, in a small tenement occupied by colored persons on Antoine street, Samuel Ferguson arose and attempted to kindle some coals in his stove with kerosene oil. The latter soon exploded, and Ferguson, a boy of his, and a woman named Mary Mowan, were all covered with the burning substance, and burned so badly that they cannot live. The tenement was wholly destroyed, and the three injured persons were removed to St. Mary's Hospital, where they linger in great agony.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, March 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,564 head; making the supply, since Friday, 262 cars, against 345 last week. The quality of stock in the yards is generally good, and the market active, at yesterday's prices. Sales of 161 Missouri steers, 1,320 to 1,410 lbs, $6 70@6 85; 43 premium Missouri steers, 1,420 lbs, $7 12½; 118 Canada steers and stockers, 863 to 1,302 lbs, $4 40@5 35; 68 Indiana steers, 1,200 lbs, $6 12½@6 75; 20 Ohio steers, 1,172 to 1,370 lbs, $4 62½@5 60; 616 Illinois steers, 1,175 to 1,386 lbs, $5 87½@6 40.

Sheep—Supply since Friday 7,400, against 7,567 last week. Market firm; prices 50 better than at the opening yesterday, and 4c better than last week. Sales: 994 Michigan sheep and lambs, 76 to 104 lbs, at 6@9c; 30 Canada sheep and lambs, averaging 96 lbs, at $7 50; 503 Ohio, averaging 100 lbs, at 9c.

Hogs—Receipts since Friday 12,500, against 15,900 last week. About a dozen cars were on the market, and nearly all the buying orders dropped from prices demanded Tuesday. Sales 925 for shipping, at $4 85@4 90; sales to butchers at $5 00.

A Highwayman Outwitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—The stage between Milton and San Andreas was stopped yesterday by a highwayman, who ordered the driver to halt, when the stage drove on. Discovering that the box was empty, he fired several shots at the stage without effect.

Consulting the Doctor.

Holmes, in the March Atlantic.

A queer discoloration about my forehead? Query, a bump? Can not remember any. Might have got it against bed-post or something while asleep. Very unpleasant to look so.

I must consult somebody, and it is nothing more than fair to give our young doctor a chance. Here goes for Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

There were opthalmoscopes and rhinoscopes and otoscopes and laryngoscopes and stethoscopes; and thermometers and spirometers and dynamometers and sphygmometers and pleximeters; and probes and probangs, and all sorts of frightful, inquisitive, exploring contrivances; and scales to weigh you in, and tests and balances and pumps and electro-magnets and magneto-electric machines; in short, apparatus for doing everything but turn you inside out.

Dr. Benjamin set me down before his one window and began looking at me with such a superhuman air of sagacity, that I felt like one of those prize-beasts or chicks which takes no secret of their inside arrangements, and almost thought he could see through me as one sees through a shrimp or a jelly-fish. Presently he looked at the piece impaled which had a sort of greenish brown color, with his naked eye, with much corrugation of forehead and fearful concentration of attention; then through a pocket glass which he carried. Then he drew back a space, for a perspective view. Then he made me put out my tongue and said a slip of blue paper on it which turned red and scared me a little. Next he looked at the piece impaled, which had a sort of greenish brown color, with his naked eye, with much corrugation of forehead and fearful concentration of attention; then through a pocket glass which he carried. Then he drew back a space, for a perspective view. Then he made me put out my tongue and said a slip of blue paper on it which turned red and scared me a little. Next he looked at the piece impaled, which had been soaking my purse in the old-fashioned way, he fastened a machine to it that marked all the beats on a sheet of paper, for all the world like a steamboat's log. Then he took a map from Mount Tom up to Chimborazo, and then down again, and up again, and so on. In the meantime he asked me all sorts of questions about myself, and all my relatives, whether we had been subject to this and that malady, until I felt as if we must some of us have had more or less of them, and could not feel quite sure that we had not elephantiasis and beriberi and progressive locomotor ataxy did not run in the family.

Music Pounding.

O. W. Holmes in the March Atlantic.

I don't like your chopper music, any way. That woman,—she had more sense in her little finger than forty medical societies,—Florence Nightingale,—says that the music of your heart is good for sick folks, and the music you *pound* out isn't. Not that exactly, but something like it. I have been to hear some music pounded. It was a young woman, with as much muscle in her fingers and arms as her sa the planet Saturn has rings, that did it. She gave the music stool a twirl or two, and fluffed down on it like a whirl of soap-suds in a hard basin. Then she pushed up her cuffs as if she was going to fight for the champion's belt. Then she worked her wrists and her hands, to limber 'em, I suppose, and second out her fingers till they looked as though they would pretty much cover the keyboard, from the growling end end to the little squeaky one. Then those two hands of hers made a jump at the keys as if they were a couple of tigers coming down on a flock of black and white sheep, and the piano gave a great howl as the tail belonging to the second one, which you could hear your hair growing. Then another jump, and another howl, as if the pisno had two tails and you had trod on both of 'em at once, and then a grand clatter and scramble and string of jumps, up and down, back and forward, one hand over the other, like a stampede of rats and mice more than like anything I can think of. I used to hear a woman sing, and I like to hear a fiddle sing but these noises they hammer out of their wood and ivory anvils—don't talk to me. I know the difference between a bullfrog and a woodthrush.

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Municipal Vagrant Ordinance--The Police Department and Its Chief.

Resumption of Navigation--New Periodicals--Amusements--Park--Opera-House--Bridge--Criminals--Harbor, &c., &c.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.

MUNICIPAL VAGRANT ORDINANCE.

St. Louis has, probably, the most stringent municipal ordinance concerning vagrants of any city in the Union. As a consequence, every now and then, when persons of questionable character and suspicious associations are arrested under this law, their counsel raise the question of its constitutionality, and affect to regard it as trenching on the rights of citizens to arrest and punish them for no other crime than associating with disreputable character, and having no apparent honest means of livelihood. There is no doubt the ordinance is liable to great abuse, and that, under color of it, great injustice may be done, with or without design, to innocent parties who, through ignorance or carelessness, may incur the charge of associating with disreputable characters. And it would seem that, if such are liable to punishment the said "disreputable characters" should be much more in danger of the law. But it appears that to be positively known as criminals, provided they manage to elude arrest and punishment on some definite charge, is not to incur the danger of those who, without sharing their criminal reputation, merely "associate" with them. However, the question of the constitutionality of the ordinance has been again lately mooted, and an appeal taken from a Justice's Court to the Criminal Court, in this city; and, not long since, Judge Primm delivered an opinion affirming the decision of the magistrate below, and upholding the validity and constitutionality of the ordinance.

OUR POLICE AND ITS CHIEF.

The Police Department of this city is very efficiently administered by Chief McDonough. An indication of the high state of efficiency and thoroughness to which he has brought the force is the fact that, for the past year, this great city has been singularly free from burglars,--no case of depredation by that class, that I can now recall, occurring during that time, while other cities have been sorely victimized by them. Mr. McDonough has been unremitting in hunting down those social foxes, the gamblers, and has rendered "faro" and "keno" about as precarious a business to the keepers as to their prey.

Besides the duties strictly appertaining to his office, the Chief has, during the winter just passed, as also that of last year, organized a relief system for the poor by collecting donations of food, clothing, and other necessaries from the charitable, and then judiciously distributing them through means of the force under his control, who, by virtue of their duties, are necessarily familiar with the wants of the poor class, and are able to apply to the best advantage the donations received. By his exertions, mainly, a charity on the "Institute of the Homeless and Homeless" has been sustained for two seasons, and thousands of honest poor, whose labors upon the river, the wharves, and elsewhere, have been suspended by the rigors of winter, have been kept from suffering and starvation, and, what is better, from resorting to crime in the extremity of despair.

It was Mr. McDonough who originated the idea of a Police Congress, whose first session was held here last fall, to discuss the difficult social problems constantly arising to confront the police of Governments, and whose continued sessions from year to year cannot fail of impressing beneficial results upon the methods of dealing with the dangerous classes.

The police, during the past month, made 1,125 arrests, and received property valued at $31,588.40.

RESUMPTION OF NAVIGATION.

The ice in the river having suddenly broken up and run out, leaving two wrecked steamboats at our wharves, and one on the eastern bank, as a partial souvenir of the destructive force, navigation began in a scene of bustle and activity. The spring trade opens with a promising briskness, and at present there is a scarcity of steamboat tonnage to carry the south-bound freights that have been accumulating through the long and rigorous winter.

NEW PERIODICALS.

The publishers of the *Western Celt*, a weekly paper, devoted to the interests of the Irish-American citizens and Catholicism, announce their intention of issuing that paper as a daily, the chief object so stated to be the liberation of Ireland, and its second the fair distribution of the offices of this country among its citizens of Irish nationality.

A monthly publication, called the *Improvement*, has also been started.

The *St. Louis Ladies' Magazine*, having perished of the same complaint which has carried off so many Southern periodicals,--"respectable patronage,"--has been succeeded by the *Island Monthly*, of even less ability. Its leading article is a mawkish gush account of the ball given here in honor of Alexis, and the rest of its contents are on about the same level.

In two weeks' time, *Puck* will commence its new volume in English.

A wishy-washy sheet, whose most notable point is its typographical incongruity, is attempting to obtain contract notice as a sensational local journal, under the name of *Dorkey's Weekly*.

RATHER UNCERTAIN.

As I have mentioned, several plans have been mooted, both in the Legislature and out, for the establishment of a magnificent park for St. Louis. But, as is usually the case, such propositions are burdened with some private interest which was sought to be advanced along with the proposed improvement, which rendered them objects of suspicion with the public at large, and of direct attack to those axes awaiting grinding in other plans. The result is, none of the proposed plans were agreed on; but a roving Commission has been appointed by the House, with power to select from 500 to 1,000 acres for park purposes within certain defined limits, at such prices as in their judgment shall seem proper. The city is to issue $1,000,000 of 20-year 6 per cent bonds to pay the costs, and is to pay $30,000 of the annual interest,--the other $30,000 to be assessed upon property within certain limits adjacent to the park-site selected. Thus, while the location is very uncertain, there is not much uncertainty about the burden to be imposed on account of this improvement which has got under the "local habitation" nor name. The action of the Senate is now looked forward to with some anxiety, especially by those who fear they may be enmeshed in the limits of the park-district, and will thus sustain extra taxation.

SYNGERFEST.

This enterprise is still rallying, and a meeting is about to be held on Change to interest our merchant princes in the enterprise, and induce them to invest their ducats in it as a business enterprise.

A WANT.

What St. Louis sadly needs, and has never had, is a first-class Opera House. There is not a theatre-building here at all adequate to the size, importance, and pretensions of the city. The Olympic is small, and of no architectural consequence. So of Rankin's. While DeBar's, which, when it was erected, some twenty-odd years ago, did very well for that primitive era, is dark and gloomy, and situated on a narrow, inconvenient street, boasting a four-foot wide sidewalk, across which economically planned thoroughfare Mr. Regards unpleasantly some half a dozen pawnbroker shops, which extend toward it their three immense Lombard balls, whose dingy gilt coats indicate a disguise of some nauseous compound beneath. I know of half a dozen towns in Ohio alone which boast of opera houses that would be a credit to either Chicago or St. Louis; and, yet, I be charged with being indefinite in the assertion, will instance Massillon and Akron. But what with the new Merchants' Exchange, the great Bridge, and the huge Park, I suppose the Opera House will, for some time at least, occupy a "back seat."

AMUSEMENTS.

Wachtel, who was to have appeared at the Olympic here, being ill and unable to fill the engagement, the house is at present closed, the dramatic company having flitted southward, there to close the season.

Rankin's, whose opening of the Fifth Street Opera House as a *bijou* comedy theatre, I noticed some time ago, has won "golden opinions" from our best people by the excellent manner in which his fine company have interpreted the pieces produced. It has been slow and up-hill work, and, at one time, it looked as if the house must close; but, besides a steadily increasing, and, for a few weeks past, Rankin's has done about all the business in that line that has been done in the city.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

here is in a languishing condition, judging by the appeal made to our business men, by a circular, to come forward and sustain it. The fact is, it is entirely overshadowed by the Merchants' Exchange, which has monopolized about all the interest and energy to be spared in such direction, and, however the former may improve upon its present condition, it must always "play second fiddle" to the latter.

THE BRIDGE

is progressing, though the severe weather has, of course, retarded the masonry-work. Now that milder weather has set in, this portion of the work is proceeding more rapidly, and is thought will be completed by July 1. How long it will take to erect the superstructure, I have no means of judging. The iron and steel work for this latter is being delivered, and some sanguine spirits expect to see it ready for business by next fall. Though every day increases the necessity of the bridge to accommodate the augmenting traffic, I fear that another winter of inconvenience from ice must be endured before we can, from the top of this iron way, laugh to scorn the difficulties and annoyances of the frost demoralized river.

RESPITED AGAIN.

Max Klingler, the ignorant, bratish youth, only one remove (if so far) from a savage, who murdered his father a couple of years ago, was sentenced to be hanged, and then respited some two or three times, has again experienced the Executive grace in another respite from his sentence. He really seeting to be an interesting problem in divine, in the end, "What will he do with him?"

THE UNFORTUNATE KRAEGER,

convicted of, at the very worst, constructive forgery, and now confined in the Penitentiary at Jefferson City, is again, through his friends, endeavoring to move the Governor to clemency. But, for some reason, the latter appears to have "hardened his heart" in this case, and has hitherto declined to interpose. Whether the latter solicitations will avail anything or not, remains to be seen. Mr. Kraeger is an accomplished man and scholar, and has from the prison contributed to certain magazines able papers of a scientific character. The Warden of the prison, with needless severity, has prohibited Mr. Kraeger's name from being attached to these papers, for the inconsequential reason, among others, that he is dead in law. As these latter papers assist in supporting the prisoner's family, the public will think that justice, so truthfully represented as blindfolded, is taking unusual and unnecessary pains to see what it had much better overlook.

THE HARBOR AGAIN.

During the past fortnight, General John Newton, General Warren, and Colonel Merrill, of the Board of United States Engineers, have been here examining the condition of the harbor, consulting with the city authorities, and studying the erratic ways of our fluvial patriarch, with a view to recommending the necessary appropriation from the General Government. Having completed their survey, they have returned to Washington to report; but what the tenor of their report will be, they have faithfully kept to themselves, and those interested are now anxiously scanning the news from the Capital, to learn what and how much will be done to improve the harbor.

THE STREETS

are being cleaned at last,--the City Engineer having taken "the bull by the horns" in place of men and carts on the work, and the expense of the dilatory and neglectful contractors.

THE POULTRY SHOW

which closed here last week, was quite a success. The show in number and large, and nearly all parts of the country were represented. Some 800 coops of fowls, of all descriptions, together with stuffed birds and a variety of small animals, kept as "pets," with other miscellaneous articles, all made up an exhibition interesting and attractive. About $3,000 was distributed in prizes. Many of the fowls and birds on exhibition were sold at the close of the show, realizing good prices.

THE BLACK GOWN MOVEMENT

among the members of the Bar, to which I alluded in a previous letter, seems to have "petered out" for want of sufficient enthusiasm; but it seems to have borne one little blossom, as it is announced that Judge Primm will to-day appear upon the Bench of the Criminal Court robed in a black gown.

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THE LEPROSY OF TRACADIE.

The Leprosy Mentioned in the Scriptures Blessing a Seaside Town for a Hundred Years--Interesting Studies for the Medical Faculty.

St. John, N. B. (Feb. 25), Correspondence of the New York Sun.

Will Americans believe that leprosy, "the eldest daughter of Death," exists on this continent? Though I had seen something to lead to the effect in the Appleton's Cyclopedia, I for one did not believe it before I heard of Tracadie.

This is a small village on the marshy fringe of Gloucester County, New Brunswick, about 25 miles south of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Landward, the eye rests on a dreamy, monotonous level, dotted here and there by wretched fishermen's hovels. Seaward, the low line of horizon is broken only by islands, and silence broods over the gloomy spread of waters. Tracadie is of French origin, having been settled by Basque colonists soon after the peace of Utrecht, early in the eighteenth century. It was poor and miserable enough from the first, but God's chosen curse fell upon it, toward 1845, when a vessel from the Levant was wrecked on its shores, and bales of old clothes, teeming with plague germs, were washed upon the sand. A terrible pestilence broke out and decimated Tracadie and the surrounding villages, and, what was worse, its seeds remained. From that day to this Tracadie has never been purged of the malady.

There is some fun in the old joke of Punch that this singular disease is the ancient leprosy, or the *elephantiasis Græcorum*. I will note some of the strange symptoms of this Tracadie disease. There are three stages distinguished. In the first, the skin puts on a morbid dead whiteness. In the second, it becomes slightly yellow. In the third, it turns to deep brown, black, and finally even assumes a greenish tinge. Let us follow a case through these different stages. The patient begins by experiencing a burning fever and aching pains, weakness and weakness in the joints, a heaviness in the rushings of blood to the head, and many other sensations of langor. The most remarkable symptom, however, is an utter insensibility to pain. The leper can beat the point of a sharp instrument, such as a needle, or knife-blade, into any part of the body without feeling hurt. Instances are given of lepers burning hands and feet without knowing it. In one case it was not till the smell of the charred flesh had attracted the attention of a third person that one of these unfortunate men was reconciled to the loss of limb he had fallen. Gradually the white appearance of the skin is replaced by yellowish spots, generally the size of a dollar piece. These spots are at first separated from each other, but little by little they extend their circles, until, touching together, they cover the whole body with a mantle of rottenness. Then follows a swelling of the limbs and the bloating of the body from head to foot, until finally the skin, being too much distended, bursts, and ulcers of the most disgusting sorts break out. It also takes on a shiny look, as if it were varnished. The flesh between the thumb and forefinger shrivels. The extremities of the hands and feet rot away, and fall off in some cases toes and fingers drop from their articulations without pain to the sick man. The face is generally very much swollen. The ears, chin, and cheeks are puffed up, with hideous, hard and red, the size of a large pea. The eyes, half drawn from their sockets, are afflicted with a kind of cataract, which sometimes results in total blindness. The blood is very thin and watery, and in some cases the color of the skin is usually reddish or purplish. The end, of course, is with the internal organs. The bronchial tubes become obstructed, and death is produced by that breathing finally becomes a mere whistle, and the patient is every moment threatened with suffocation. The death struggle is appalling beyond that of any other known disease. A devoted priest who has attended some of these cases, declares that they surpass in horror anything he ever witnessed, and ready as he is to fly to the relief of any form of human misery, he prays God never to behold again the death of a leper.

One of my first questions naturally was: Is the disease contagious? And the answer, on my part, is that I am not prepared to say the same roof the husband may have it, and the wife not, or vice *versa*. One man had three wives. The first two died of leprosy and the third was tainted by it, while he remained perfectly sound. In one family two or three children are leprous; the rest clean. Servants in the hospital, washer-women, and others have not suffered from the malady.

Tracadie being on the seaboard, and its inhabitants being fishermen, several of these, bearing the seeds of the malady, have escaped to Halifax, Boston, and other places but we have never heard that they communicated the infection anywhere. Indeed, the circumscription of the plague for a 100 years to the narrow peninsula limits of Tracadie, is perhaps the most curious feature of this wonderful disease, and one quite apt to give rise to the superstitious suspicion of a curse from heaven. Neither is the sickness at all hereditary. Leprous parents produce hale children. The wife of a certain Robichaud was covered with ulcers from sole to crown. She bore a number of children, one daughter whom she nursed at her own breast. Yet the girl grew up thoroughly clean, married, and all her children are also clean.

Owing to the sparsely settled character of the Province of New Brunswick, it was not until 1844 that the attention of the authorities was drawn to Tracadie. At that date a medical commission was appointed to investigate the disease and report minutely upon it. Subsequently, the Provincial Government ordered the establishment of a Lazar House in the neighboring island of Shaddrake, in the Miramichi River. In 1847, however, this hospital was removed to the mainland, about half a mile from the Parish Church of Tracadie, in a vast edifice built by the Government. The buildings are of wood, all communicating with each other. The hospital itself is a separate building, containing two large halls appropriated to males; two other halls above are devoted to females.

The Hon. Hamilton Gordon, late Governor of Nova Scotia, now in New York, author of "Wilderness Journeys," was attracted by the terrible problem of Tracadie, and ventured his opinion on the origin of the pestilence. He attributes it to the fish diet of the inhabitants, who, in reality, feed almost wholly on herring, potatoes, and turnips, their poverty being so great that there are perhaps not ten families which eat bread. This theory, however, cannot hold, for there are villages all along the coast of New Brunswick, even in close proximity to Tracadie, which, though they are equally poor and underfed, have never experienced the attacks of the insidious malady.

A celebrated French physician, named La Billois, living at Dalhousie, reported, after sixteen months of treatment, that he had cured ten cases by acting as for syphilitic disease, but unfortunately all these patients but one took to their beds again and died soon afterward.

The Hotel Dieu nuns, with their usual intelligence and patience, are making a series of experiments tending to ascertain, if possible, the origin and real nature of the disease. Until now they have made only practical discoveries, and the chances do not seem favorable to a satisfactory solution of the problem.

SOMETHING ABOUT FARMING.

Methods in California in the Early Days.

A writer in the San Jose *Mercury* gives this account of early agricultural methods and implements in California, under the Mission rule:

Plows were roughly fashioned from the stems of small trees, while tree brush was the only material of which harrows were composed. Yokes for cattle were merely poles of a suitable length, lashed to their horns by means of rawhide thongs, and the only vehicles were carts, for which the wheels were sections of logs, and resembled huge cheeses with holes through the centres. Instead of chains, rawhide ropes were used. In fact, at this period, the whole business of plowing and seeding a California farm might be accomplished without the use of iron in any implement, if we except the pole or good need for driving the cattle; and in the end of this persuader was inserted a small brad or awl.

Relating to these carts, an anecdote is told which may not be out of place here. A certain section of California the people were greatly annoyed by marauding parties of Indians from the mountains, or wild Indians, as they were called. One day it happened one day that an American who was living in such a grove in which was situated a ranch house, heard issuing from the thicket the most terrible and unearthly screeches, hurrying with all speed to the next ranch, he informed the people what he had heard, and that he believed the place was attacked by Indians, and that they were murdering the women and children. The ranchmen bravely responded to his call, and hastily, with such arms as they could collect, hurried back with him to the place, vowing by the way vengeance upon *los piratas y roberos*,--the pirates and robbers. Arriving at the place of the supposed attack, they found no robbers there, but only a couple of tame Indians engaged in the peaceful occupation of hauling fence poles with two of these carts propelled by oxen, and as wheels and axles were composed entirely of wood, and no lubricating material used, a great screeching was the consequence.

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There are no very prominent features in the money markets, either local or general. In New York, there has been a relaxation of the stringency, owing probably to the release of some of the greenbacks that have been locked up. The consequence has been a rise in the prices of stocks which seems too rapid to last, and as the money market of New York will probably become more stringent from legitimate causes before the 1st of April, the rise in stocks seems a little premature. The railroads of the whole country will, however, have a good business in the spring, and stocks will probably appreciate in May, from more legitimate causes.

In the local money market the supply of funds is fair yet, but as shown by the bank statement, the loans are already large, and the prospect is that as deposits are drawn down in the activity of spring trade, money will work closer.

Exchange was firmer in this market to-day, though sales were made between banks at about the same figures as yesterday, viz. From 50c to 75c per $1,000 discount. In Cincinnati, New York exchange is firmer, and sells between banks at 50c discount, and in St. Louis at 75c per $1,000 discount.

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The Market Fire Insurance Company, of New York, rendered insolvent by the fire in this city, is paying a 10 per cent dividend to the policy creditors, and the Receiver intimates he can pay 20 per cents more in 60 or 90 days, thus making 55 per cent in all.

RECUPERATION OF CHICAGO'S TRADE.

The recuperative activity of the trade of Chicago is shown by the fact that, for some weeks past, the daily clearings of the banks have been about equal to the volume of the clearings for the corresponding time of last year. Up to the date of the fire, the volume of bank c[illegible] had been steadily increasing from year to year. had it not been for the disaster, would probably have been much larger now than they are, but, if we may accept these clearings as a correct index of the volume of trade, it is now just about what it was a year ago, or, in other words, it is a year behind what it would have been.

BANK STATEMENT.

An error which appeared this morning in our summary of the statements of the National Banks of this city did injustice to the *Manufacturers' National Bank*, by making its deposits appear $139,458 instead of the true amount $1,562,492. This error, of course, caused another error in the calculation of the percentage of cash means to deposits. The *Manufacturers'* was well managed, and one of the few banks which all banks will be compelled to wear only the boots and pants provided by Dame Nature. A *scrape* (blanket with slit in the centre), and an old straw hat (minimum size) completed their outfit. Sometimes the plow-boy carried a guide to those in the rear, as irequently there were six blows running in the same field. The furrows were mere scratches, being four or five inches wide and about three in depth.

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	Received.		Shipped.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	4,305	5,083	9,735	4,060
Wheat, bu	2,800	18,778	1,000	1,614
Corn, bu	62,160	15,788	17,761	4,706
Oats, bu	21,660	9,018	5,360	2,274
Rye, bu	2,094		197	
Barley, bu	5,900	2,340	3,527	859
Grass seed, lbs	222,756	56,560	28,943	63,864
Broom corn, lbs	14,000	61,230	14,000	1,378
Cured meats, lbs	77,920	42,934	2,138,644	802,328
Beef, brls	60	68	25	
Pork, brls	1,540	41	342	2,080
Lard, lbs	280,780	118,980	718,000	74,950
Tallow, lbs	11,960	23,124	41,000	92,275
Butter, lbs	28,800	24,326	11,409	26,876
Dressed hogs, No	4,680	855	1,170	1,310
Live hogs, No	8,025	3,386	5,185	2,993
Cattle, No	2,112	1,829	733	880
Sheep, No	1,630	2,445	1,035	1,219
Hides, lbs	9,400	14,611	91,714	44,560
Highwines, brls	305	107	328	353
Wool, lbs	124,650	28,870	162,162	29,740
Potatoes, bu	4,920	1,153		
Lumber, m	441	863	213	1,378
Shingles, m	460	940	1,045	1,253
Lath, m	120		200	96
Salt, brls		1,619	443	

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 462 bu wheat; 425 bu rye.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 1 car wheat; 113 cars corn; 4 cars oats; 1 car barley. Total, 119 cars, or 58,000 bu.

The Master in Chancery (H. Woodbridge, Esq.,) gives notice that from the 11th of March to the 12th of April, inclusive, he will receive proofs or loss from parties interested in the grain burned up in elevators in the great fire of October last. The burned grain was sold soon after the fire, and the money is now awaiting division among its owners. Every person interested should attend to his claim.

There was a rather light attendance on 'Change to-day, but a fair amount of trading, and some of the markets were firmer, in decided reaction from the weakness of yesterday. The recent weakness has brought out buyers in pork, wheat, and corn.

Lake freights were quiet but firm at yesterday's rate, at 12½c for corn by sail to Buffalo, and 15c for do to Oswego. One charter was reported for corn, but neither name nor destination were stated.

Highwines were quiet, but a shade firmer, with buyers at 86c and sellers at 87½c. Sales were reported of 150 brls at 86½c.

Dressed hogs were easier, but firm at yesterday's rates. A total of 760 head were sold, at $6.00@7.10 for fair to choice lots, and $8.12½ for a few extra.

Provisions were active and stronger, principally in mess pork, which seems to have at last struck a bottom, and capitalists deem it safe to take hold. A lively trade was transacted at the Evening Board last night, and this morning the market opened active and firm, with further advance in the prices of yesterday. Soon holders became satisfied that the demand was something more than a mere flurry among the shorts, and then they advanced their views 10@50c per brl, which appreciation was fully conceded by buyers. The latter are now taking hold freely, and pork have been our most prominent buyers in former years, carrying most of the pork into the interior. They are, it is said, not through yet, and those who carried pork through last winter fill now. They were probably satisfied--who warned by past experience--that they could not be driven from the market by any further advance, and the event proved their judgment to be correct. It now remains to be seen what they will do with their purchases on striking it at the ebb-tide, which most of the bears think would mark *steen* on the gauge. Lard was also in active demand, in sympathy with pork, but was not active. Meats were quiet and unchanged, the movement in pork engrossing the attention of operators to the exclusion of all else. The market on pork closed easier than the extreme, when the latest New York telegram was read, but the following are the quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller March, $11.80; do seller April, $11.98; do seller May, $12.16; do seller June, $12.39; prime mess, $10.25@11.40. Lard, cash or seller March, $8.62½@8.65; do seller April, $8.70@8.75; do seller May, $8.85@8.90; do seller June, $9.00@9.05. Short ribs sold at 8c for shoulders; and 6½@6¾c for hams. Dry-salted meats firmer at 4½@4¾c for shoulders; 6½c for rough clear; 6¾c for short rib; 6¾c for short clear. Boxed meats 2c higher than the above quotations for loose. Boxed Cumberland hams, 8½@9c. Sewer-picked hams, 9½c. Bacon quoted at 6c for shoulders; 7c for short ribs; 7½c for short clear; and 7¾c for hams. Mess beef steady, but quiet, at $9.00@9.50; extra mess beef, $10@10.75; packet, $11.50@12.00; No. 1 do, $12.00@12.50; No. 2 do, $10.00@10.50; No. 1 do, $8.00@8.50; No. 2 do, $6.00@6.50. Beef hams, $22.00. City tallow, 9½@9¾c. Sales were reported of 750 brls mess pork, seller March, at $11.82½; 2,000 brls do seller April, at $11.97½; 1,500 brls do at $11.75; 1,000 brls do at $11.72½; 700 brls do at $11.70; 3,000 brls do at $11.65; 100 brls do seller April, at $12.10; 500 brls do at $12.12½; 1,250 brls do at $12.00; 2,000 brls do at $11.90; 1,000 brls do at $11.85; 1,500 brls do $11.89; 1,000 brls do at $11.75; 1,000 brls do seller May at $11.95; 500 brls do at $12.10; 2,500 brls do at $12.17½; 500 brls do at $12.12½; 1,500 brls at $12.15; 2,000

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WHAT THE SOLVENT INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE DONE.

It is not until the smoke of battle has entirely cleared away that we are enabled to judge of the result of the strife, and it is only from the official reports that we can ascertain with any certainty the amount of loss which has been sustained. In the peculiar conditions caused by the October fire,—the new positions necessarily taken by underwriters, the uncertainty of the tenure of property, the collapsing of insurance companies, and the want of confidence in insurance generally,—there is no doubt that the blame which has been cast upon insurance companies has not been sufficiently discriminating, and is, therefore, unjust. It is not remarkable, however, that such a state of things should have existed. In the space of one short night, we were struggling in an emergency such as had never been contemplated by either insurers or insured. In one short night, the business of Chicago was turned into ashes. The outlook did not, at the first, present a ray of hope, and when it was found that not only had the insurance companies of the city lost their local habitation and name, but their assets also, and means to pay, and as day by day the news came in that this and that company was insolvent, the feeling of depression increased, and the whole insurance interest was regarded with suspicion, and the solvent companies came in with the insolvent for their share of vituperation. It, perhaps, is the most remarkable fact of all that this depression and want of confidence did not produce a panic involving financial ruin. The mode of settlement itself only added to the general outcry. The insurance companies wanted to pay as little as possible; the policy-holders wanted to get as much as possible. This was only human nature.

Sufficient time has now elapsed, however, to ascertain what the insurance companies have really done, and to make some discrimination in this matter of censure. We shall make no apologies for those companies whose utter rottenness has been developed by the fire, nor for those companies whose manner of settlement has been notoriously selfish and dishonest. They deserve the severest censure that can be applied to them; and it is due to the financial security of this city, and all other cities of this State, that insurance business hereafter shall be so regulated by legislation that an unsound company cannot take risks at all. It is for the interest of the solvent companies themselves that such should be the case; and there will be no word of complaint from any source against any enactments, however severe, which will accomplish this result. But great credit is due to those companies which have passed through such an ordeal as may never occur again, and have made good their obligations As close an estimate as can be made of the losses by the fire, in the absence of individual reports from every loser, places those losses at $190,000,000. Of this amount the insurance companies have lost about $90,000,000. The solvent companies have paid over $40,000,000 of this amount, one agency alone having paid out over $6,000,000. The companies in liquidation may increase this amount about $10,000,000, making over $50,000,000 which have been distributed in this city without a lawsuit. It is proper, therefore, to except the solvent companies from the blame which has been cast upon the general business of underwriting, and also those which, though insolvent, have made honorable settlements with their policy-holders; and, further than this, to aid them as much as possible by making their future risks as little hazardous as possible. If we do not want solvent insurance capital withdrawn from us, or existing policies to be largely cancelled, we must do something in the way of building which will compel insurance companies to classify Chicago as a safe city to do business in. We are glad to say that the present prospect is, that the business portion of the city will hereafter be much better in this respect than before. With legislation to encourage and not to burden foreign companies; with legislation in the case of solvent institutions, both Eastern and Western, which will properly indemnify them, and at the same time protect the policy-holders; with prudence in construction of buildings, and a thorough reorganization of the Fire Department, there is no reason why the business of underwriting should not be remunerative to stockholders, and its resources ample to meet any emergencies.

We have been led to these remarks from the fact that certain Eastern insurance journals are endeavoring to prejudice Eastern underwriters against Chicago, and to persuade them that they cannot do business here except at a loss. Any solvent company will be welcome, and we believe that Chicago merchants and insurers generally are ready to acknowledge past services, and to encourage sound companies with liberal patronage, and without imposing unnecessary or oppressive burdens upon them.

THE NEW RAILROADS AND THE WEST SIDERS.

There are two points in the matter of regulating the admission of railroads into the city, which, if not already provided for, ought to be in the ordinance before the Common Council. The first of these relates to viaducts at street-crossings. The city having decided, and properly, to admit new railroads into the heart of the city, now is the time to regulate and determine the rights of trains on the one hand, and of teams and foot passengers on the other, at street-crossings. This is more particularly urgent in cases where railroad tracks are concentrated upon a few streets, rendering it impossible for persons on foot or for vehicles to cross the tracks with any degree of safety. The policy in the West Division is to establish two main thoroughfares for railroad tracks,—one at Kinzie-street, and the other in the southwest part of the city. Upon each of these thoroughfares will, in a very few years, be laid the tracks of ten or twelve roads, completely covering the streets from building line to building line. Upon these streets there will be at all times a dozen or more of trains in motion, and it will not be safe for, nor is it to the interest of the railroad companies to have, foot passengers or vehicles crossing and recrossing this broad stretch of iron tracks. Viaducts, then, are a matter of necessity, and the ordinance should be framed upon the policy of having ultimately a viaduct over these railway thoroughfares at every street-crossing. By making that provision now, persons building can make plans accordingly, and damages to private property by their future construction will be avoided. The railroad companies, especially, would save, in the matter of judgments for lives and property destroyed at these crossings, enough in a few years to pay for the viaducts, besides having the free and unobstructed use of the streets for their business.

The ordinance at present before the Council provides that the railroad company to whom the privilege is granted shall construct at least two of these viaducts annually; but, in case the company shall not do this, there is no means provided to enforce the contract. The shortest and best way is to have this matter settled now, and require that the railroad company shall construct two viaducts annually upon such streets as the Common Council shall designate, and, in case of a failure or refusal to do so within the time stipulated, the right to use the street shall cease. This is a contract which, once made, cannot be changed hereafter, and hence this is the time to make all the needful provisions. Nothing should be taken for granted. It is better for the city, for the railroads, and for property-owners, that this whole matter be put upon a proper basis at this time, and the city should retain some compulsory power to enforce this part of the contract.

In the matter of damages to private property by the surrender of these streets to railways, there is a peculiar hardship. A comparatively few persons are made to sustain a loss for the general benefit. As a matter of justice, and as required by the Constitution, these persons are entitled to compensation for the injury sustained. The Constitution requires that this damage shall be ascertained by a jury. As these persons cannot sue for damages before the injury is committed, and as it will be extremely oppressive for each owner of a lot damaged to bring suit, there ought to be a provision whereby the Mayor or City Comptroller shall institute one suit in behalf of the claimants, and prosecute it to judgment. This power in the city, to institute suit in behalf of those citizens who may be damaged by this surrender of the streets for a railroad highway, should be made part of the contract, to be enforced at the public expense and in the speediest manner. If each person has to bring suit against these combined corporations, the cost of counsel fees will, in a majority of cases, exceed the amount of the claim for damage. The city, for the general good, cedes away the use of the streets; the least the city can do is to see that his damages shall be paid, and by undertaking to enforce the payment. As these stipulations will remove countless objections to the ordinance, and are right of themselves, the Council will act wisely by adopting them.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Those who think that any candidate nominated by the Philadelphia Convention will walk over the course without opposition, and that Republicans have no need of careful conference before making that nomination, will do well to consider beforehand what is to be done with the votes of the Southern States when they are brought into Congress to be counted after the next election. If it is determined beforehand, Butler-fashion, to exclude enough of those votes to enable us to "count in" the candidate of the Philadelphia Convention, then, of course, it is safe to nominate whom we please. We will then have reached the Spanish conclusion, that it is of "very little consequence to vote, as it is the fight that settles the election."

But, if all the votes of the Southern States are to be counted as polled, under whatever degree of order the National and State Governments may actually maintain at the election, then it becomes Republicans everywhere to wake up to the fact that the old South is once more in the political arena, and that, with ordinary Democratic sagacity, the fight will not be so very one-sided; it may be critical, and it is not too much to say that it may be humiliating to those who are now most confident.

An Atlanta correspondent of the New York *Herald* makes up the following table of States certain or likely to be Democratic or Republican, marking those "likely" with a star:

Democratic.		*Republican.*	
New Jersey	5	Maine	6
Delaware	3	Vermont	5
Maryland	7	Massachusetts	11
Kentucky	10	Rhode Island	3
Tennessee	12	South Carolina	7
Oregon	3	Mississippi	7
West Virginia	3	Ohio	19
Georgia	10	Illinois	11
North Carolina	9	Michigan	7
Virginia	10	Iowa	10
Alabama	8	Wisconsin	8
Tennessee	10	Minnesota	5
Arkansas	5	Kansas	5
Texas	8	Pennsylvania	*24
New York	*30	Indiana	*13
California	*6	New Hampshire	*4
Nevada	3		
Nebraska	*3	Total	153
Connecticut	*3		
Florida	*3		
Louisiana	*7		
Total	165		
	152		

Democratic majority, 13

Of the above States marked "Democratic," no impartial judge of the situation could claim any but California, Nebraska, and Connecticut, which are likely to vote Republican. On the other hand, many Republicans would not count positively on Indiana or New Hampshire, which are credited to us in the above list. New York went Republican at the recent State election, under the influence of the downfall of Tammany; but we doubt if the majority of the voters of New York are permanently Republican. The result foots up a doubtful contest. How can the doubt be made a certainty? Plainly not by going it blind. Not by "whipping in" Republicans,—a process sure to result in whipping Republicans out of the party. Nor by counting out the votes of Southern States after they are cast. We warn our Congressional caucus, which assumes to shape the campaign before it is begun, that the Reconstruction business is at an end. Let us hear nothing of rejecting the votes of States at the next election, as that of Georgia was rejected at the last election. When the votes of the people and the States are cast, the attempt to set aside that verdict would raise a whirlwind such as no ordinary power could allay.

THE LAW CONCERNING BRIBERY.

The great evil of our politics is the facility with which men holding public office may receive bribes for official acts and escape conviction. A Judge upon the trial of a case may receive a money consideration for a decision in favor of one of the parties, and the law takes care that the fact shall not be proved, by providing the same punishment for the witness that may be dealt out against the guilty officer. The theory that the man who bribes a public officer is as guilty as the officer who accepts the bribe, is not a true one. The two parties do not hold the same relation to society. The one has entrusted to him the rights, interests, and liberties of the public. He is not a mere individual, free to be mean or dishonest as it suits his own tastes; he represents something more than himself. He may be Governor, Judge, legislator, Treasurer, or custodian of public records. Like a sentinel on duty, the interests of the whole community are entrusted to him, and his treason is not only an act of personal turpitude, but is also a crime against society. Official crime exceeds personal crime in the degree that the official is false to the public in addition to being false to himself. The thing accomplished in bribery is the performance of a corrupt official act, or a legal act for a corrupt consideration. Long experience has shown that this crime cannot be proven, no matter how notorious it may be, so long as the witness is subject to the same penalties as the corrupt officer, or may plead his liability to prosecution as an excuse for refusing to testify. A striking case of this kind recently occurred in this State. A public officer demanded a large sum of money for an official act; he received the money and performed the act. The witness who paid the money, when called before the Grand Jury, candidly told the whole story, and the officer was indicted. When the case came to be tried, the witness stated that he had been advised that he had made himself as liable as the accused, and he refused to testify. Though this legal advice had been given by the defendant's counsel, nothing could be done, and the corrupt officer was acquitted.

There is a bill pending before the Legislature which changes the law in this class of cases. It puts witnesses under the protection of the law, and compels them to testify. Thus, when an officer demands a bribe, or accepts one for an official act, the person acquainted with the fact may be compelled to testify, and is, thereafter, not liable to prosecution himself. The corruption in office is by no means confined to the acceptance of bribes; in the great majority of cases the officer demands the money, extorts the consideration, and compels the other person to pay. This is the practice in all grades of officers, and notably among Assessors and others, persons having it in their power to subject the public to unjust exactions. The proposed law is not only just, but it is necessary to protect the public. As the law now stands, it is with the greatest difficulty that a corrupt officer can be indicted or convicted. We hope the Legislature will not adjourn without passing this bill, and bringing the law of bribery within the range of common sense and justice.

A correspondent of the London *Daily News* (James Aytoun) has pointed out a discrepancy in the theory of the British Constitution, which, in the event of an extraordinarily heavy award of damages by the Geneva Tribunal, may be used to prevent any payment whatever. The Sovereign has the right of concluding any treaty he pleases with a foreign Power, and binding the nation to carry it out, whatever it may cost. But, on the other hand, the House of Commons has the right of refusing supplies. The natural result of such a discrepancy would be to make all treaties between Great Britain and another Power, which involved an onerous money condition, absolutely worthless. The correspondent, on this point, quotes from a speech of Mr. Disraeli's in 1860, in referring to the Commercial Treaty with France: "When ratified, this Convention (commercial Treaty) will be laid before the House. But this much I may say now, in answer to the question of the Right Hon. gentleman as to what would be the function of this House in regard to that Convention: It is, that the arrangements stipulated to be made on the part of Her Majesty are made conditional on the consent of Parliament to them. Unless we have the consent of both houses of Parliament, we are free from every engagement that we have contracted." Under such a ruling as this, and inasmuch as the Treaty of Washington was not submitted to either house of Parliament for ratification, a loophole for escape from payment has evidently been discovered, inasmuch as a treaty made entirely at the discretion of the Ministers, even on the authority of the Royal prerogative, is not of any weight in obtaining the necessary supplies to carry it out.

A parallel case is found in our own history, in the treaty negotiated by Secretary Seward for the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas from the King of Denmark for seven millions of dollars, which sum Congress has never appropriated; to say nothing of the more recent treaty with Baez for the purchase of San Domingo.

Stimulants and Narcotics.

We recently referred to a discussion pending between Dr. George M. Beard (medical), of Brooklyn, and Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler (theological), also of the City of Churches, growing out of a work published by the former on "Stimulants and Narcotics." We have since perused the obnoxious book with as much promptness as a deeply-rooted conviction that "Art is long and time is fleeting" would permit. It holds that "stimulants and narcotics" are essentially different operations of the same substance, a smaller dose relatively operating to stimulate, and a larger to narcotize; due regard being had to strength and temperament, since the dose which stimulates one may narcotize another. Both articles in the mercantile list, it appears, are deleterious and capable of producing death, if sufficiently misused, the term poison being fairly applicable to those substances that kill in quantities that scorn to the unscientific eye to be very small. Both have been in use among all peoples, and in all ages, in some degree, and are more universally, though more moderately, used in the more civilized countries. Stimulants are negative food, i.e., articles of stimulating property does not supply tissue or nutrition, it so connects, intensifies, or economizes the forces of the system, as temporarily to sustain a like full expenditure of force as would be natural or possible if nutrition and tissue had been supplied. Narcotics supply an artificial rest, by a temporary and partial paralysis of the nervous system.

Dr. Beard holds that, when used within the limits of mere stimulation, all these substances are beneficial; when the use becomes narcotic, it is injurious. The signs of stimulation are relief of fatigue, irritation, and pain, equalization of the circulation, improvement in sleep and nutrition, an increased capacity for mental and manual toil. The signs of narcotism are, in the first stage, flushing of the face, dilatation of the pupil, mental disturbance of various kinds, as evinced by the exhibition of garrulity, ugliness, &c., nausea, tremor, spasms, convulsions, and other evidences of lack of co-ordination; in the last stages, delirium, stupor, stertorious breathing, and death. This classification places all intexication among the narcotic, and therefore injurious, effects of the substances to produce it.

He divides stimulants and narcotics into three kinds, viz.: 1. Liquors which contain alcohol, whether fermented or distilled. 2. Plants that are used in substance or in infusion or decoction by chewing, smoking, snuffing, or injection, viz.: tea of China, Paraguay tea, Abyssinian tea, coffee, cocoa (chocolate), chickory, tobacco (nicotine), opium (morphine), hemp, the fungus of betel nut, lettuce, Syrian rye, bull's hoof, and Siberian fungus. 3. Volatile preparations used by inhalation or otherwise, viz.: ether, chloroform, and the newly-discovered but widely-used hydrate of chloral.

The ultimate reason of the peculiar stimulating effects of alcohol is involved in the same mystery which envelops the ultimate reason of all things, life, death, conception, sleep, thought, the creation of genera, or the origin of matter or of force. In the practical arts of fermentation and distillation, there is usually a conversion of the starch of the plant into sugar, and of the sugar thus formed into alcohol. The difference of chemical formula between the three substances is very slight, and some instances, as in the kiln-drying of grain in the process of distillation, there is such a coincidence between the termination of organic life in the grain and the development of the spirit of alcohol, as to suggest that the stimulating quality of the latter is a result of the quenching of the principle of vegetable life, or rather, upon the principle of the conservation of forces, by which no force in nature is destructible, or its reappearance in a correlated form. Into this phase of the question, however, Dr. Beard does not enter.

He traces the diversity of forms in which alcohol has been sought for from the early twilight of the mythic ages, when the sacred moon-plant referred to in the Zend Avesta and the Vedas was ground into a fermented juice which was drunk in common by the ancient Persians and Hindoos as a solemn religious rite, accompanied by hymns and religious visions which were stimulated or produced by the intoxicating draught.

The use of wine and intoxication among the Egyptians in the times anterior to Hebrew history are indicated by the earliest Egyptian hieroglyphics. Homer records it among the Greeks, and Pliny drank wine two hundred years old. One of the latest forms of alcoholic beverage is the beer of the Germans, which, however, dates back to the very earliest periods at which we have any record of that people. The number of substances from which liquors are fermented is fully equal to the varieties of race and tribe among men. Every race has some native plant from which it extracts this stimulating element. A survey of the endless variety of alcoholic and nervine compounds proves their universality, and amounts to a sort of argument for their utility.

No chemical analysis of them, and no experiments on the lower animals, are of value as tests of their utility. The fact that a few grains of the essential principle of tea, coffee, or tobacco may kill a dog or pigeon, throws no light on the question whether those substances as usually taken are beneficial or injurious. Nor can any scientific man have such a monopoly of information on this question as will enable him to speak dogmatically. The superiority of any opinion depends on the range of facts taken into view, and the impartiality with which they are considered. Hostility to alcohol is greatest in those countries in which its abuse is greatest. The cases, however, in which alcohol, tobacco, tea, and coffee act as regular food, sustaining the strength temporarily in place of nutrition, are extensively cited. Dr. Beard concludes that, in the aggregate, the use of these substances is more beneficial than injurious, which, according to his premises, is equivalent to saying that the average use of them is to stimulate, and not narcotize. Whether this is true or not, is probably as open as ever to difference of opinion. The remedy which Dr. Beard proposes for intoxication is a general increase in intelligence, and in the diffusion of the means of comfortable living. The normal use of alcohol being to sustain the system under deprivation, the temptation to its use is greatest among those whose deprivations are most numerous and constant. These remedies are slow ones, but they are without prejudice to the efforts of those who can cure the disease in advance of their arrival.

The ways and means of Committee-choosing have evidently been reduced to a science, or rather to an art, in the Senate of the United States. The spectacle of Senators Cameron and Frelinghuysen peddling printed tickets among their colleagues, is not especially edifying, but shows that the whole thing had been "fixed" to a nicety, and that King Caucus had resolved that his faithful retainers should form the great majority of the Committee of Investigation into the Remington-Ingalls-Place frauds. Probably a Senator who asked to be excused from serving on a Committee has never before had his request refused. But, if Stevenson was suffered to resign, Schurz would be on the Committee. This was not to be thought of, and Conkling secured the Capitol for reinforcements; and, in so doing, did what he tried in vain to do before, for he broke up the investigation into the New York frauds, and harried the members of that Committee to the Senate Chamber. Stevenson was rebuffed by a majority of two votes, and Schurz was kept off the Committee. This was indeed a victory, but it is doubtful by which party it was won. The investigation has been turned into a neat little whitewashing job; but it may thus become a background to show forth more clearly the tricks that are vain. It has been claimed that the death-warrant of the Bank of the United States was signed in 1832, when the House of Representatives ordered an investigation into its operations, and its friends succeeded in limiting the time and the sphere of the investigation, and almost succeeded in electing a majority of the Committee from the opponents of the whole measure. It was very justly argued that this care for concealment showed that there was something shameful to conceal. That argument may be used again, and history may repeat itself.

As soon as the pressing demand for offices, stores, and hotels slackens sufficiently to allow money to be used in building dwellings, we hope that some capitalist will give Chicago a block of houses arranged en flats. It is not necessary to wait until that *rara avis*, a rich philanthropist, appears. Such a scheme will yield an abundant return on the money invested. It is strange that America, the land *par excellence* of small fortunes and many of them, has never adopted the system that France and Scotland have proved to be so worthy of imitation. A few such buildings have been put up in New York, but have been made so unsightly originally that the poorest floor rents for from $1,400 to $2,000. The great need is for comfortable homes for the hundreds of families who cannot afford to pay over $1,000 at the outside, and would like to rent for $600. The most economical and the best way of building in Chicago would be to cover an entire block with the structure. It could be seven, eight, or nine stories high, heated by steam, with gas, hot and cold water throughout, and, of course, an elevator to every hall. A careful supervision would suffice to keep out all very objectionable persons, and, if the building was properly arranged, each family could have almost as complete privacy as under the present expensive and wasteful system. Besides growing richer and richer on his rents, the proprietor would very easily add to his own income and to the comfort of his tenants by maintaining a first-class restaurant, bakery, laundry, etc. The rent, however, would alone pay him a handsome profit. Suppose that a block, 400 feet long, is built up eight stories high, the first floor arranged as stores, the rest as flats, twenty feet broad and separated by brick walls. If the average rent of a store or a flat is but $750, the annual income from this will be $120,000. The speculation would certainly pay. Its consummation would be hailed with joy by scores of respectable people who now are haunted by the fear of want, and would be enabled by this to live in comparative ease and superlative happiness.

Two or three years ago, the Pennsylvania Legislature chartered a mammoth corporation, the Pennsylvania Company, which is, we believe, composed of precisely the same men as the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, but owns a dozen or so roads besides. A short time since, after flattering Philadelphia into a delusive hope of becoming a great commercial seaport, the Pennsylvania Company suddenly obtained control of the Jersey roads, and announced its determination to run a line of ocean steamships between Jersey City and the Marquis of Bute's new port at Cardiff, Wales. Philadelphia is wroth at this apparent breach of promise, and New Jersey is appalled at having her railroad monopoly supplanted by one more powerful. The State owns a good deal of the per annum principal of railways, and is entitled, by a provision in their charters, to buy them at a fair valuation. By some legal hocus-pocus, the change of management has made this provision null and void. The Legislature last week appointed a Committee to investigate the matter, and report on the best method to assert these rights, to change soon came over the spirit of their vote, however, for, according to the Philadelphia *Daily Times*, they have since incorporated the New Jersey Company, with a capital of $5,000,000, and power to lease the Jersey roads from the Pennsylvania Company. This looks very much as though this latter corporation had varied its buying railway lines by leasing legislators. If the new organization is an offshoot of the old, it will doubtless be amazingly profitable to the men inside the ring, but not remarkably beneficial to the State.

The Sabbatarian license of the Continent is said to find no counterpart in England. The observance of Sunday is very strict, even in London, where many efforts have been made to modify the rigor of the laws. Some unpleasant consequences have resulted from this over-great devotion. As all the telegraph offices are closed, the reports and predictions of the weather are not forwarded on that day, so that two of the most serious storms of last year were not signalled to the coast at all. The wrecks caused by the two gales seemed to affect the public mind so much as a treaty made entirely at the discretion of the Ministers, even on the authority of the Royal prerogative, is not of any weight in obtaining the necessary supplies to carry it out.

—Andrew Hingley, of Chesticamp, N. B., who died last month, spent most of the past thirty years in endeavoring to find perpetual motion. He said that six times he had utterly failed in his attempts, and succeeded twice, but was compelled to destroy his works. He spent the last two years in retirement, was constantly employed at his studies, and was certain that he had completed his favorite discovery. On his death-bed he said that five minutes was all he wanted to see it going. Mr. Hingley was determined to present the discovery to the Imperial Government in May. His whole machinery is in possession of John Hingley, at whose house he died. Some of the late Mr. Hingley's friends asked him to set a big price before his death, but his only reply was, "Dead men tell no tales."

—Ex-President Roye, of Liberia, who was imprisoned for certain illegal acts committed while in office, but escaped, and was drowned in the harbor of Monrovia while endeavoring to swim to the steamer just before its departure for Liverpool, was born in Ohio in 1815. He prepared for college, which he entered, but left before graduating. After leaving college he went into the mercantile business. Some thirty years ago he removed to Liberia, where he soon became one of the wealthiest citizens. He was Speaker of the Liberia House of Representatives in 1849, and Chief Justice from 1865 to 1868. He was elected President in May, 1869. During his term of office the people of Liberia voted upon changing the Presidential term from two years to four years. The change was voted down, but Mr. Roye attempted to hold over, for which he was imprisoned.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Some Canadian boys recently caught a bald eagle on the farm of Thomas T. Grant, of Yarmouth, C. W.

—A bill is before the Maryland Legislature to incorporate a railroad from Washington, through the rich Counties of Montgomery, Carroll, and Frederick, to the Pennsylvania line.

—Detroit is to have a new ferry, plying from a central locality along the upper streets and crossing to Belle Isle and Watertown.

—At the suggestion of Officer Curtis, about fifteen elegant Newfoundland dogs, a Louisville hotel resigned their seats to the paying boarders.

—The famous Orange County trotting stallion, Major Edsall, who has a record of 2:28, was recently sold at Newburgh for $5,500. W. C. Trimble, who has had the Major in hand for several months, thinks he can drive him in 2:24 by June 1, and raise his value to $15,000.

—Rhode Island is the only State which has followed the example of Massachusetts in making the 22d of February a legal holiday.

—New York lager is stronger than that of Germany, the former containing, on an average, 5 per cent of alcohol, while Bavarian beer rarely exceeds 3 per cent.

—Lake Erie is frozen solid from Erie to Long Point. Grass is green in Dakota. From Knoxville, Tenn., to Dalton, Ga., last Sunday, the snow lay from ten to eighteen inches deep.

—St. George's Hall, Liverpool, the finest modern building in Europe, was commenced in 1841. The extreme length of the building is 600 feet, and the eastern portico, composed of sixteen Corinthian columns 41 feet high, is approached by a flight of steps 200 feet in length. The hall was opened on the 18th of September, 1854.

—At Warwick Neck, R. I., on Feb. 29, Edwin Millard shot a fat hair seal, of an iron-gray color, measuring over four feet in length, two feet four inches around, and weighing sixty-three pounds. Seals have been seen before along this shore, and have been sometimes shot, but rarely captured; their custom being, when wounded, to push at once for the bottom of the deepest water they can reach.

—The Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad Company is to run a trail from a point about thirty miles north of the crossing of the "Red Fork of the Arkansas River," on the Chisholm trail, to the bend of the Arkansas, near the mouth of Salt Fork, where the trail will cross the Arkansas River; thence through the Osage territory, to Coffeyville. From the point where this trail leaves the Chisholm trail to Coffeyville, the distance is about 100 miles, through a country free from timber, with abundance of buffalo grass, well watered, and having but one stream to cross. The Company has made arrangements with the Osages by which they agree to make no tax on cattle driven through their country.

—The large plate-glass windows on Chapel street, New Haven, are occasionally used for mirrors, especially on Sundays, and it is nothing strange to see a lady admire her toilette in one of them.

—A curious literary treasure was recently announced for sale in Paris. It was a copy of the Constitution of the French Republic of 1794, bound in human skin. The volume is supposed to have issued from the Meudon tannery, where it is asserted this kind of leather was manufactured during the reign of terror.

—By an ingenious mechanical contrivance, the works of the clock in the Town Hall, at Saratoga, are so adjusted with reference to the gas, that it is self-acting in regard to turning the gas on and off.

—The Receiver of Taxes, at Philadelphia, collected $190,000 on Saturday, up to 3 o'clock p. m., the whole of which was deposited in the Girard National Bank, one of the city depositories, the same afternoon.

—An official attached to the British Court was known as the King's Cock-crower, whose duty it was to crow the hour each night within the precincts of the palace during Lent, instead of calling it out, like an ordinary watchman. The office, which in time became a sinecure, has been abolished for some years.

—The first coal ever mined in the United States was dug near Richmond, Va. Bituminous coal was mined there as early as 1700, and in 1775 was extensively used in the vicinity. During the Revolution a Richmond foundry employed this coal in making shot and shell for the use of the Continental forces. From a local celebrity it gradually obtained a national renown, and in 1799 it was being sent to Philadelphia, New York, and other Boston.

—The Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home in Philadelphia, having expended $190,000 of the original fund, are considering the question of closing the institution, there being but thirty inmates.

—A clever rogue, in London, has been deceiving the doctors and living comfortably on the fat of the land, by feigning paralysis. He has been the inmate of every hospital in the city, staying about a fortnight in each, and securing the best attention by pretending to make his will, and leaving a legacy of $1,000 to the institution. On one occasion he formed the subject of a clinical lecture, and in several hospitals an enthusiastic student has sat up all night with him, in order to record with great minuteness spasmodic symptoms and other sudden seizures.

The Credit Foncier Bill.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I have read with deep interest a communication in your paper of this date, on the subject of "The Credit Foncier Bill." Not being much of a financier, I was not quite sure what it meant; but, as your correspondent says it is a thing "upon which the future greatness of our city depends, and in comparison with which any temporary relief bill sinks into significance," I think something ought to be done about it.

Your correspondent, who evidently knows what he is talking about, says: "Henry Greenebaum's name and credit are known throughout the civilized world; and credits and bills of his house are available for enormous sums of money in Europe, Asia, and the Indies, and all the great commercial centres, at just the same rates as those of Brown Bros., Baring," &c. Accepting this statement as true, of which there can be no doubt, it occurs to me that Mr. Greenebaum might do great things for the Chicago sufferers by issuing his own paper on Europe and the Indies, running, say, twenty years, on which, like the Barings, he could, I suppose, get the money at about four per cent, and loaning it out to our citizens to rebuild with at seven per cent or 10%. (This was the rate Sontag offered $2,000,000 at on the city's guarantee.) In this way, Mr. Greenebaum would show himself our greatest benefactor.

Still, I suppose that the "Credit Foncier" is, after all, the thing to depend on, and I write this note principally to suggest whether it would not be well to call a mass meeting of our solid citizens, so that the voice of our people may be heard at Springfield on this question. The Committee appointed by the Tremont House meeting, some time ago, to proceed to Washington and secure the passage of the Chicago Relief bill, might be sent to Springfield. Their experience at Washington would give them a great advantage over new men. Who don't know the ropes?

What say you, Mr. Editor? Should we have a mass meeting? The Chicago Relief bill may do a little good, but the "Credit Foncier" seems to be what the people want. CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 6.

A NEW BOSTON NOTION.

The Holly Tree Coffee Rooms.

A Boston correspondent of the *Christian Union* gives the following account of the new Boston notion and of the great work the rooms are doing in the cause of temperance and charity. The writer says:

You know "the Hub" is forever boasting of some last new wrinkle, but I do believe we have found one at last which even New York may be glad to hear of. Brooklyn has had a kind of yearning tenderness for Boston, like a younger sister toward an elder, so I am going to tell you what "the Hub" has been doing, in the hope that Brooklyn may some day follow in her footsteps.

When I returned from Europe about two years ago, I found the prohibition law against drinking had passed six months before in certain wards of this city; among others the ward in which I live. It seemed to me I had never seen so many men drunk in the streets before. My own grocer had started a private tap in a dark corner of his shop. The whole vicinity had suffered perceptible degradation. Gas lamps flared in a new corner store until 12 o'clock at night, while the policemen stood still on the opposite side winking at the glare, harmless and incapable as the good-natured ox. A friend of mine one day stopped one of these officers. "Are you blind?" he asked at that time. "No," was the reply. "I wish you would come into my house for a moment, then; I wish to ask you a question. Safely closeted with the policeman, the question was asked: "How many drinking shops have been opened in our ward since the Prohibitory law was passed?" "Just 100," was the prompt answer. "What do you think of having hot coffee sold cheaper than drink at a little shop near the worst drinking place?" "Think it would do first rate and do lots of good." "Do you know a man to keep such a shop in case I can get the money to start it?" "Not this moment, but I think I can bring you one if you will give me three days." "Take three days," said my friend. "In the meantime I will see what I can do, and we will have a business meeting at the end of that time." The policeman really became quite cheery at the prospect of being of the least use in the world, and went away with the nearer approach to a flush in his age than I had ever believed one of that profession capable of before.

My friend tells me that a queer feeling of having embarked on a long expedition, where all was fog behind and before, took possession of her mind. But there was just one spot of light, and that was enough. It showed a bright and shining up in her face, bending over, showed the instrument. Punctually, at the end of three days, returned the policeman, bringing one of the right corps with him, who was ready to undertake the duties, and obliged to find a new occupation. They had hunted up a house excellent for the purpose, as they imagined, highly respectable, rent about $1,800 per annum. "Ah!" said my friend, "where is the fifteen hundred dollars to come from? Do you think coffee at five cents a cup will pay for that, no matter how excellent? Good coffee-bad, nice steak-bad, to be self-supporting, a pride to the people, not a branch of the Poor House. Besides, that street is too respectable. No, no. I will find you a better one. Come back to-morrow and we will see what can be done." That night, my friend tells me, there was such a peering about among crazy old drinking shops by poor people in decent clothes as has not been seen for many a long day. At last a place was found at $300 per annum, and after a few preliminaries everything was arranged. It was the nearest approach out of which has grown "The Holly Tree Coffee Rooms," already known and frequented by crowds of people daily. The name was taken from Charles Dickens, in which these shops were just what he could most enjoy. His portrait, too, hangs in every place bearing this inviting name. Whoever has been in London, or Paris, or Rome, or the Continent of Europe will at once understand how our people would appreciate these shops. Many men drank whiskey because they were cold, and whiskey was all ready for ten cents in the corner store. Now, when they find coffee all ready for five cents, and the reading of the morning paper thrown in, as it does, free of course go to any shop where they get the most for their money.

When the first holly tree took root, working-women stopped at half-past 6 o'clock in the morning for their breakfast before, now and then they would come for dinner. At last they found too many men were crowding in; it was not pleasant for them; and there was room, but to set up a second establishment. Here the result was the same; so with the third and fourth. At last we said there must be one "for ladies," with a lodging room attached, where lodging and food may be had at cost. That, too, was accomplished, and already unlooked-for results begin to appear. The neighborhoods in which they are established speak a new word in respectability. Drinking shops have been closed in their vicinity; writs have been served in other low places. Individuals who were about going down hill have found a new start upward, and wives and children wear better clothes than formerly, and sometimes go to the play in the evening with the father, and attend church on Sunday.

The lodging house for girls, with "The Holly Tree" underneath, has become a point of reunion, where once a month evening parties of ladies and working-women meet together for social enjoyment. Nothing could be more truly social, and, consequently, more thoroughly delightful, than these parties, for the first time in the history of our large cities, these persons of utterly different experience, yet sisters before the Lord, come together without restraint and without reserve. There is usually found some talent for amusement among such a varied assembly, and the impromptu entertainment is followed by tea and coffee, served in the coffee room. It is already becoming the thing most desired by ladies in society to be invited to these parties, and the working girls already gather in such numbers as to fill the good-sized parlors.

To carry this on fully, to give the people who have only the coffee-rooms the reading of daily papers and a good dinner on Christmas, and the workingwomen a library and a decent bed to lie on, of course requires a small fund to begin with in the hands of those who stand at the helm.

Of all the many ways of assisting our less fortunate brothers and sisters, this is surely the most delightful. They are not made to feel themselves paupers thereby; there is no giving away of food or lodging, except to the entirely destitute. They pay for what they get, as others do, but they are no longer made to suffer and pay for the rents of fine stores, or degraded, as the only alternative, to use bad liquor.

It is wonderful how the plan has worked of cleaning up these out-of-the-way shops, putting clean paint where it is needed, and making the best of coffee at the lowest possible price. Besides coffee, one can get tea and first-rate bread and butter, and pies, and meat, and chowder, and pies, sufficient variety for a good breakfast, dinner, and tea any day in the week.

I believe that such places as these in America for bringing one into relations with the poor, and it is enough to make one's heart glad to pay a Holly Tree Coffee Room a visit and observe their gratitude of the people who frequent them.

Fearful Explosion—A Steam Saw Mill Demolished—Four Men Killed and Eight Wounded.

From the Knoxville (Miss.) Press, Feb. 28.

The most complete demolition of a steam saw-mill that it has ever been our province to report occurred last Friday afternoon, at a point four miles north of Dalton, and one mile west of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad, the particulars of which, as narrated to us by parties who seem to be conversant with the facts, are as follows:

On the evening mentioned there were some eight or ten persons at the mill, besides those engaged at work, brought there from various causes. Among the number was the engineer who had had charge of the engine for within a few days of the explosion. He quit the employ of the Messrs. Brokers, who owned the mill, on account of some difficulty in regard to a settlement between them, and the engine was placed in the control of an inexperienced man. The former engineer came to the mill on Friday for a final settlement, and shortly after arriving noticed the condition of the boiler, and observed that it be believed it would expl

ROBERT COLLYER'S CHURCH.

Old Unity to Be Rebuilt, and Right Soon, Too.

Meeting of Persons Interested in Its Resurrection.

How the Money Is to Be Raised---The New Plans.

A meeting of people interested in the rebuilding of Robert Collyer's church, on the North side, was held yesterday afternoon, in the lecture room of the Third Unitarian Church, corner of Laflin and Monroe streets. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. Some days ago a committee was appointed to procure plans and specifications for the new Unity Church, and it was to hear the report of this Committee that the meeting was held.

After Mr. John Fry had called the assemblage to order, Rev. Robert Collyer was requested to give some account of his recent journey to the East for the purpose of raising funds. Mr. Collyer said that he didn't go to New England for the purpose of raising money for Unity Church, but for himself, and to make a beginning for the debt he had talked with the folks in New York, and everybody seemed to think that there would be no difficulty in getting plenty of money with which to rebuild Unity Church. Nearly nearly $20,000 was in the hands of the National Association, one-half of which he would be applied to Chicago, the plan of the Association being to spend one-half of the proceeds for its own uses, and the remaining half was devoted to Unity Church. Mr. William Gray, of Boston, had advised Mr. Collyer not to waste his time and energy in addressing public meetings in behalf of his mission, but had suggested the calling of a meeting of Boston's best men at Mr. John Gray's house, when Mr. Collyer could make his statement of the needs of his church, and a Committee on Subscription would be appointed. This plan had been adopted, and the meeting was to be held next Tuesday evening. Mr. Collyer expected to be present. He had no doubt that $50,000 would be gotten the Association, and he would not stay there until this was done, and if meant to stay there until this was done, and if he saw a chance to get a little more for their new organ, he should take that, too, for they could get along without an organ. They wanted the church first, but must have the organ also. He had no doubt that the money would be raised in Boston, and the church would be readily forthcoming.

Mr. Thompson, of the Building Committee, reported that the Committee had adopted the plans presented by Messrs. Burling and Adam, and had partly engaged him to direct the work. The Committee could not be ready to advertise until the specifications were made out, but Mr. Burling had offered to guarantee that the church completed for $50,000, and that he would not ask for the specifications were made out, but Mr. Burling had offered to guarantee that the church completed for $50,000, and that he would not ask for a dollar more. Those specifications would be necessary to terminate them nuisance.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted, and, in obedience to instruction by which the spires were omitted, the design being to see how it would look.

Mr. Thompson said it seemed to be desirable to tear down the east wall and build of brick, as by this means a saving of over $1,000 could be effected. Besides the brick wall would be the best built entire, the east wall was uncertain, while the south and west walls were good, but the towers would have to be torn down below the belfry windows.

The meeting then adjourned.

Aside from the facts gathered from the above discussion, it appears from the plans adopted by the Committee that the lower floor of the church will have two entrances on Laflin street, instead of one, as before. The Sunday-School room will be 54x70 feet, and in the rear the library, 25x25 feet, and the porter, 22x44 feet, both opening into the main room by folding doors. The main lower floor will also contain reception rooms, dressing rooms, kitchen, pantry, etc., together with an entrance leading from the northeast corner to the floor above. The main audience room will be 81x89 feet, with a ceiling 36 feet high at the sides and 47 feet at the back. The pulpit will be placed on a circular platform four feet high, with steps. In the rear of this platform is the pastor's study, 12x14 feet. The gallery will be 9 feet from the floor, with a pitch of 3 feet, there being three rows of seats on the side, and two rows at the eastern end. The pulpit will be in the rear of the pulpit, and the choir gallery will contain room for thirty singers. There will be an entrance leading from the front, and from the northeast and southeast corners. It is expected to so far complete the church this season as to be able to occupy it next January 1, 1873, the first Sunday in the month.

RIGHT OF WAY.

Meeting of the Railroad Committee of the Council---Requirements of the Chicago, Lake View & Evanston Railway.

The Committee on Railroads of the Common Council met yesterday afternoon in the Committee-room, to consider the petition of the Chicago, Lake View & Evanston Railroad to come into the city. Present, Alderman Woodman, Otis, and Clarke.

Mr. Ladd, of Evanston, said that the people of Evanston demanded additional facilities for reaching the city. Judge Scates had secured the right of way two-thirds of the distance, and the remainder rested with the Council. The people would be willing to pay a reasonable rate, which would, in the opinion of the Company, be least objectionable to the city. They were not, as stated in a remonstrance of property-owners on Sheffield avenue, a company of speculators, for they were to build the road for their own convenience, and proposed to give over their right of way on Sheffield avenue. The Company were willing to build depots at reasonable distances in the city, which would benefit the property-holders, and promise low charges. The signatures to the remonstrance were not genuine throughout. The signature of one man was given to the petition, and he was not asked on the petition who were property-owners, and Judge Scates was assured that they were not. The petitioners were not property-holders, as were learned. His object was to assure the Committee that they were acting in good faith, and would not ask on their part more than they would be of the least injury to the city. He instanced the fact that the owners of property on Sheffield avenue would show their confidence in that locality at low prices, and that they were therefore aware of the comparatively small value that would be placed on their land.

Judge Scates said that it was the intention of the Directory to make it a narrow-gauge road.

Ald. Woodman said they did not propose to give the right of way to any road to come in unless they allowed a railroad to come in with them. A third rail would be necessary, and he more than a double track would be permitted down Sheffield street. Companies wanted to get in as many railroads as possible, and the avenue is one of the smallest number of streets. They would not recommend that a single street be given up without the consent of the property-holders.

Judge Scates wanted to know if some arrangement could not be made to secure the alley running between Kinzie and Michigan, and Kingsbury and LaSalle streets. They would use efforts to secure additional land.

Ald. Woodman said that what they could do to the road to come east of Kingsbury street, until the consent of property-owners was obtained.

Mr. Keough, representing the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad, said that a narrow-gauge would never suit their road. If the Chicago & LaSalle road wanted to run a narrow gauge they would have to lay a single track and divide with the Atlantic & Pacific the expense of the other.

The Committee determined to lay the whole subject over until next Wednesday afternoon, when a public meeting will be held in the Common Council Chamber when all remonstrances, petitions, and suggestions will be duly considered and acted upon.

The public meeting of the Committee will also be held to-day with regard to the Chicago & LaSalle Railroad.

CHICAGO ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Meeting of the Board of Directors---Report of the Matron---Visit to the Bridewell---What Mr. Paxton Said to Some of the Youthful Inmates, and Their Answers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Directresses of the Chicago Orphan Asylum, was held at the Asylum building, No. 782 Michigan avenue, on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Ranney in the chair. The Matron's report was received and accepted, from which it appears that thirteen children have been received during the month, while nine have been sent out to homes; remaining in the Asylum, seventy-five, nineteen of whom are babies. The health of the inmates is fortrate. Mr. A. Paxton, agent of the Asylum, reported that he had made several visits to the Court of Mr. Justice Bangham, by which after the destitute children that might be picked up by the police, and that Justice Bangham and all the officers of his Court most heartily sympathized with the work, and expressed their great pleasure that the Asylum was ready to receive the poor and destitute children that often come before them. Mr. Paxton also reported that on Friday he had paid a visit to the Bridewell, with the consent of the Mayor, and in company with the Mayor's Secretary, and that he found six boys there under the ages of 14 years. He talked to the boys, and they all expressed a desire to be taken out of the Bridewell, and be placed in the Asylum. He told them he would have to see their parents before he could do anything in the matter. Since then three parents have been seen, at least as many as could be found, and they all expressed their great joy at the interest taken in their children, and promise to do everything they can to help to save them. Mr. P. now wished to know if the Directresses approved his action, and would consent to the boys being brought in the Asylum.

Mrs. Fuller offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we entirely approve the action of our agent, and wish him to make it known to all the authorities of the city, that the doors of the Asylum are open night and day to receive any destitute child that may be sent.

A Natural Tunnel Found Under Lake Michigan.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Please call the attention of the Water Commissioners of the City of Chicago to the discovery of what appears to be a natural tunnel under Lake Michigan. It is well known that there exist strata of limestone underneath a portion of the South Division, varying in depth from 20 to 50 feet. There is an elevation, or ridge, commencing about the lime-kilns at or near 22d street, and running in a southwest direction, crossing the Illinois & Michigan Canal, passing through Brighton to the South Branch of the Chicago River, and terminating at or near where Douglas place crosses. On this ridge, between the canal and river, there have recently been sunk about four or five wells, striking the rock about 40 feet from the surface. Drilling into this rock from 6 to 8 feet, they have found water in great abundance, rushing up and filling these wells to within 10 or 15 feet of the top. Last week, Mr. William Slocum took a well on the corner of Thorn street and Douglas place, 40 feet deep, striking the rock, and, after drilling about 8 feet, his drill went through into a large opening, the water rushing out with such a velocity that it was with great difficulty the men escaped with their lives. The well filled to within 10 feet of the top in less than 30 minutes. These wells all seem to be on a level, and also on a level with the lake, which leaves no doubt that the water is lake-water, and that this rock, which crops out to the surface at the lime-kilns at Mud Lake, has a regular dip until it comes in contact with the lake to some point where this rent, or great fissure, in the rock receives the water. There seems to be no doubt that, if there could be a sufficient opening made to this subterranean tunnel, it would be sufficient to supply the entire South Division with water. It is well worth investigating by the city authorities. Any further information will be cheerfully furnished by

S. MARES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.

VERY LIKE INCOMPETENCY.

Arraignment of Sergeant Mergenthaler Before the Board of Police.

It Is Shown that He Can Neither Read, Write, Nor Use the Telegraph Instrument.

The Police Commissioners met yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock,—an hour later than that named by them,—to try Sergeant Adam Mergenthaler on the charge of incompetency, and lack of energy and judgment. Mr. O. F. Fagersoll defended Adam.

Sergeant Mergenthaler plead not guilty.

The President asked him if he had replied to the letter sent him by the Secretary asking for his resignation.

Mergenthaler said he had verbally, not in writing. He was sick at the time of receiving the letter.

President Talcott instructed him to reply immediately in writing.

Adam wrote a brief communication,—brevity applying to the epistle, and not to its manufacture,—stating that he would not resign, but preferred to stand his trial.

Superintendent Kennedy knew nothing particular about Adam himself, but men were now reported from the Station under his charge, and their shortcomings were only reported by citizens.

Captain Hickey, on being questioned as to Adam's qualifications for the position, replied that he had been with him since the organization of the Metropolitan force. He was a good patrolman, but as to his capacity as a Sergeant he hesitated to speak. About two years ago Adam had been taken sick, and it seemed to have affected him exceedingly ever since.

Commissioner Rehm asked Adam if he could use the telegraphic instrument at the station.

Adam said he had never tried, and could not.

Captain Hickey said it was the Sergeants' duty to know how to use the instrument. The Board had so ordered, and he had notified them to that effect.

Commissioner Rehm inquired if the other Sergeant at the Twenty-second Street Station could use the instrument.

The Captain answered in the negative.

President Talcott inquired what kind of a hand Adam wrote.

The Captain was not inclined to answer. He said that there were Sergeants on the force who could not write so well.

Commissioner Rehm said a Sergeant who could not telegraph was over-rated Sergeant.

The attorney wanted to prove that the Sergeant had not yet had time to learn how to use the instrument.

Captain Hickey said he had once informed the Superintendent that Adam was too sick to be of use.

The Sergeant's counsel wished to show that the disease to which allusion was made had abandoned Adam, the Sergeant, and he was doing well; and therefore that specific charge was refuted. That Adam could not us the telegraph instrument was true, as he had never received instructions in it. Adam had been for years on the force, and grown gray in its service. He was entitled to some consideration. Therefore, he hoped he would be the best Sergeant in the city, but he was fully up to the average, and some more specific charge ought to be brought against him.

Commissioner Rehm had some witnesses, and went out to bring them in.

Officer Casey said that within three or four months he had seen Adam playing cards in saloons, several times, the last time being Jan. 23, in a saloon at the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Wentworth avenue.

Here Adam's counsel told him he could play cards whenever he wanted if he was off duty, though it was a bad example for the men to be doing. He grew cheerful over the testimony.

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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE ERIE RING.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Erie Ring shows slight signs of increasing weakness in the New York Legislature, owing to the battering assaults of honest newspapers. The Legislative Committee that have been puttering over the question for the last two months, are mainly composed of Republicans, a fact that the 20,000 Republican voters in New Hampshire ignore. Four different interests are actively working at Albany at the Erie question. The English stockholders, owning over five-eighths of the road, want the Classification act repealed, and Jay Gould barred out. They are seconded incidentally by Wall street bulls, who conceive that such a revolution would advance the stock to 80 or 90. On the other hand, is Fisk and Jay Gould interest, who seek to continue their career, by lining vigorous bills, and muzzling them with meaningless propositions. The fourth interest is claimed to represent business men along the road, clamoring to protect foreigners from serving as Directors. This element was, doubtless, manufactured by a lobby as he can also backed by as powerful a lobby as he can command through the city. The *World* prints rather a romantic story of the secret resignation of Jim Fisk, late Vice President of Erie, shortly before his death, which has some plausibility, however, since the condition of Fisk's estate shows that in business, as in love affairs, his peculiar capacity was used by the conspirators to make money for themselves. The story goes that when Jay Gould heard of the present formidable English combination to recover the road, he decided to make Fisk the scapegoat, as usual. Accordingly, he sent a third party to sound Fisk about his resignation as Vice President. Fisk replied: "The only man that can speak to me about such a matter is Jay Gould; but let him come to me himself like a man." A few days after his first attempt Gould entered Fisk's room in a nervous manner, tearing up pieces of paper, as he was accustomed to do when agitated, and said in a stammering manner: "Fisk, I have got to say the most painful thing I ever had to say in my life." Fisk looked up and said in a hearty way: "Well, Gould, go on. You know I have got no feeling." Gould, still stammering, replied: "Well Fisk, it's this,—I have come to the conclusion, in view of the combinations of English stockholders, our future and even present safety depends on our separating, and I have come to ask you for your resignation." Having said this, Gould backed nervously to the door leading to his own room, which he had requested his fellow-conspirators not to close, as he feared some violence on Fisk's part. But Fisk looked up and said, with a broken voice and emotion: "Gould, can you ask me to do that, when I have stood between you and ruin? I have given everything on my shoulders to save you?" "Well, that's just how the thing stands," replied Gould, in a low voice. At this Fisk burst into tears, and dropped his head. When Fisk raised his head and said, raising his fist, "Gould, if you can hand me my resignation, by G—, I can sign it." Gould at once stepped into his own room, took up the resignation which he had already prepared, and handed it to Fisk. The latter at once took up his pen, signed the resignation, and blotted it with his clenched fist. Gould is reported to be worth millions, and to have vast sums invested in European securities. Before Fisk's death a breach existed between himself and Gould, which was gradually widening. As a proof that Fisk thoroughly appreciated Gould, the story is told that, on the October last, the former meeting a friend who was about to start for Europe, said: "I would like you to do me a favor. It's this—keep your eyes open to look around you, and if you can find a mean man who can do a meaner thing to his best friend; one that can tell a better lie than Jay Gould, I want you to telegraph me at once. I want him. I don't care if the despatch costs $10,000. I will agree to pay for this reason—I know d—n well you will never send it, for you won't find the man."

EMIGRANT AID SWINDLE.

The Elias Brothers, having written an impudent letter to the *Tribune* demanding a retraction of the charge of their Minnesota swindle, the latter, got a reply in the shape of a description of another of their little games. Last January they mailed 9,000 elegantly-printed circulars to the crowned-heads and nobility of Europe, asking for aid in purchasing 200 acres of land, to extend the operations of an imaginary Emigrant Protective Association, with an engraving of the Goddess of Liberty standing on the Canadian and Minnesota circulars, described as within two miles of New York City Hall. Of course it exists only on paper, yet every mail brings letters with valuable encloseures to Elias and pals.

PERSONAL.

John Albert Bright, the eldest son of John Bright, M. P., is here arranging for an American tour with his friend Richard Hoage. He is a fine specimen of Englishman,—tall, slender, and wearing a beard. He says his father is well enough to walk and write letters, but his physicians enjoin abstinence from active politics, and he is not engaged with national affairs.

RAILWAY SHARE MARKET

was the liveliest excitement to-day, and speculation is marked by unusual frequency as to the wide fluctuations. Pacific Mail was the leading feature, opening at 69½ in consequence of injunction granted by Judge Gilbert. A first-class struggle has been in progress over this stock. The chief manager of the pool carried the price up to 63¾, stimulating the remainder of the active list. The contest over the Pacific Mail will be watched here in Washington, to prevent a subsidy, and at Albany to prevent the registration of the capital stock. Northwestern common opened weak at 78½, the decline being occasioned by the pressure of borrowed stock on the market. When the reaction set in, Pacific Mail went up to 70¾; Rock Island, 114½; Erie, 35½; Union Pacific, 36¾@36¾.

EXPRESS SHARES

very strong. Adams, 50¾; Wells & Fargo, 72¾@73; United States, 67.

GOLD

dull at 110¾.

THE UNION PACIFIC.

The dropping of Thomas goods from the Union Pacific Directory is said to indicate a preponderance of the Vanderbilt interest.

[To the Associated Press.]

RAILROAD MATTERS.

NEW YORK, March 6.—At a meeting of the Bar Association, last night, the Committee on Executions reported in favor existing system of executive supervision in the Sheriff's, Register's and County Clerk's offices. A proposition was discussed for the abolition of the Marine and District Courts.

THE JUDGES.

The Legislative Judiciary Committee last night heard testimony on the part of Judge Cardozo. Fullerton, Cardozo's counsel, is confident of the acquittal of his client. The case against Barnard will be taken up to-day.

PEOPLE FROZEN TO DEATH.

Several persons are reported to have frozen to death from the extreme cold last night.

MAYOR HALL'S TRIAL.

The trial of Mayor Hall was resumed this morning. W. S. Copeland was placed on the stand. Counsel for the prosecution again offered the warrant by which Garvey drew some $40 000 from the Treasury, as evidence. Counsel for the defence objected, and went into a long argument in support of the objection. During the argument, which was based entirely upon legal points, the jury were excused till this afternoon.

After the recess Judge Daly decided to accept secondary evidence to prove the contents of the missing vouchers.

The defence took exception, and the Court adjourned.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

George Jones, publisher of the *Times*, was before the Insurance Investigation Committee to-day, in regard to articles which appeared in the *Times*. He refused to answer as to the modes of obtaining information and doing business in the offices. Jennings, of the *Times*, was also examined, and replied to give the name of the author of the articles in that paper, as did also Miller. He refused to retract any of their statements without further proof, and said he would probably publish more of them.

CITY TAXES.

Comptroller Green, when questioned to-day concerning the probable deficit of seven or eight millions in taxation to cover the expenses of the city, favored additional taxes rather than an increase of the debt. He also expressed the opinion that the estimates for the existing year must be the basis of Departments to be expended in excess of the sum which might be rendered by rigid economy and prudence.

QUARANTINE.

Health Officer Vanderpoel met the Sub-Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to-day, and a plan for future action was partially agreed upon. There is apparently no difference of opinion between Vanderpoel and the merchants.

THE JURY DISAGREES.

The jury disagreed at seven for plaintiff to one for defendant, in the case of James Wood, Sr. recover $4,0?5, principal and interest, on the bond issued to aid by the Church of the Disciples of Christ. A new trial will be had next week.

DISCHARGED.

General Ryan was discharged to-day, on the charge of violating the neutrality laws.

SUITS FOR DAMAGES.

The third trial of the Staten Island Company for causing the death to Madden, by the explosion of Fredonia, commenced to-day. The widow claims $5,000 damages.

MRS. STOWE.

Private advices state that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is fully recovered from her late accidental fall in Florida.

ICE EMBARGO.

The ice embargo on the South and Hamilton ferries to Brooklyn continues. One of the boats has been wedged in the ice near Brooklyn since 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Several trips have been made from Brooklyn to-day occupying two hours, and to Williamsburg even longer. The average trips to Jersey City and Hoboken are from half an hour to an hour.

SIGNAL SERVICE REPORTS.

A Washington special says: Mr. William Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph, has written a letter to the Appropriations Committee of the House informing them of his unwillingness to transmit the reports of the Signal Service Bureau in future, at present rates, on the ground that he cannot do so except at a loss to the company. The present contract expires May 1.

ERIE.

The friends of the Erie Classification Repeal bill rejoice strongly to-day in the prospect of its being passed in committee, and discussed to-day. They denounce it as the greatest fraud of the season, and say its provisions are so vast as to make a perpetual ruin of Gould and his confederates. While repealing the classification act it leaves the present Directors in power until the expiration of their terms.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.

A delegation of the Committee of Ninety, of New York, urged before the Joint Legislative Committee on Railroads to-night in favor of an amendment to the charter of the Underground Railway, to give the Company the right to build under Broadway. At the conclusion of the hearing the Committee decided to report a bill to be passed to the Senate without further action.

SPORTING MATTERS.

The double-scull race for the championship of America, between Conner and Cavitt, of Pittsburgh, and the Biglins, of New York, takes place at Pittsburgh, May 30.

Captain Regardus, of Illinois, will bet from $1,000 to $2,000 that he can kill 500 pigeons in six hours and twenty-five minutes, using a muzzle-loading gun, to load his own gun, to use no cartridges, and no tape or coil caps. He will also bet $400 to $1,000 that he can kill 100 consecutive birds.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT TO.

A report made to the Comptroller recently to-night shows that since December, 1867, $12,953,-977 have been assessed on the city for extending, opening and widening streets, of which amount $1,-000 was for costs and charges in superintendence of the work. This is in addition to further large amounts assessed on the property holders.

KANSAS.

A Few Facts Concerning the Recent Bribery Investigation.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—The *Democrat's* special from Topeka, Kansas, to-night, says Senator Caldwell did not state facts in the Senate when he said the Legislature had refused to order a copy of the testimony of the investigating Committee to be sent to the Vice-President on receipt of the report of the Committee on the Holmes resolution. The Senate has practically adopted, directing the Secretary of State to send a copy to each Kansas Senator, and to the Vice-President to lay before the Senate. Three days after the senate took up the resolution and struck out that portion requiring the testimony to be sent to the Vice President. The House refused to concur in this amendment. The Senate refused to recede and the House refused to recede, thinking the House Vice-President. When the Senate sent the testimony was to be sent independent of its action, it receded from its amendment and passed the concurrent resolution in its original form. When this action became known to the House that body rescinded its action directing the speaker to send the testimony to the Vice-President. It would go as the action of both houses. In the last hours of the session the Senate tried to reconsider its action. In fact the motion to reconsider was carried on the promise of Caldwell's friends to vote for a certain appropriation of $25,000, which they refused to do when the time arrived, and which was defeated by the House. But after the appropriation was made and the question again came up and, on agreeing to the House resolution, it was passed. To vote against it, in consideration of the vote on the Appropriation bill, was going back on their pledge, so that when the Legislature adjourned March 2, it stood that the Secretary of State was instructed to forward testimony to the Vice-President. Caldwell's friends, after the testimony came in, seemed to think it of the importance that it should not be forwarded to Washington officially. To stop its being sent they would vote for almost any other measure, but they utterly failed to carry their point. But now comes in another fact. The original resolution, directing testimony to be sent to Vice-President Wilson, does not, in the journals of either House, and had it not been for my despatch last Saturday it never would have gone to Washington, and will not be if Caldwell can keep it from doing so. The resolution is said to have been stolen, but there is a copy of it in existence, and it is possible that the fear of its production may overcome the desire to obtain money, and that the resolution of testimony may go. No order to that effect has yet been made to the Secretary of State, however, by the Clerk of either house. The testimony will not be printed till the last of March, and it is a question if it will go to press. It may be as well to state that some intimate friends of the Governor have said that if the warrants for the Osmanian bonds are issued by the Governor in order to raise a fund with which to defray the expenses of the Legislature, an extra session will be called. It is not known outside of a dozen men that such a resolution was ever passed in the Journals, or that there is an attempt to suppress the testimony.

LATEST CITY NEWS.

The body of an unknown man was found floating, at 6 o'clock last evening, in the North Branch of the river, near Clybourne avenue bridge. He was about 5 feet 10 inches in stature, and had on good black cloth coat, pants and vest. The remains appear to have been in the water for some time. Nothing inquired will be held to-day.

—The alarm from box No. 84 at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday night was caused by the burning of the frame cottage No. 34 Jared street, owned by P. O'Neill and occupied by Mrs. Doyle as a saloon and boarding house. Loss on building, $1,000; insurance unknown. Loss to Mrs. Doyle, $500; no insurance.

—At 9 o'clock on Tuesday night box No. 36 sounded an alarm which indicated fire at No. 39 Wright street, owned by John Harding and occupied by Isaac Hess. Loss on building, $400; fully insured. Loss to occupant, $500; covered by insurance. Cause of fire, a defective flue.

Personal.

Mr. Hamilton will be at our West Side store, No. 269 West Madison street, every Saturday. Roddin & Hamilton, Jewellers.

Cod Liver Oil.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is the best.

Damages Awarded.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 6.—Four men, named John Green, Welch, Gilbertson and Wellman, citizens of Crab Orchard Springs, Ky., a year ago took out a negro named Thomas Scott at the Springs, on suspicion of his having burned the Springs Building, and hung him several times to make him confess. Scott persistently denied the charge, and after being released sued in the United States Court for damages. The jury to-day awarded damages in $1,000 each against the first three defendants, and $700 against Shannon.

MARRIED.

LOVELL—McLEAN—March 4, Captain A. O. Lovell and Mrs. J. McLean, both of Chicago.

DIED.

KREICHOFF—March 5, at his residence, 731 West Jackson-st., Mr. C. Kreichoff, artist, late of Canada, a native of Prussia. Funeral hereafter.

SIMMS—March 7, at 10 p. m. son of E. G. and Margie Simms, aged 11 months and 11 days. Funeral from his residence, 310 Armour-st.

☞ Pennsylvania papers please copy.

WEBSTER—March 5, Josephine, second daughter of General J. D. Webster, aged 16 years.

BANKSON—March 4, of congestion of the brain, Oliver Bankson, aged 57 years.

BONNEY—On the 5th inst., Catherine Elizabeth, wife of John Bonney, of this city, late of Carlisle, Cumberland.

☞ Boston papers please copy.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Legions attest to the Superiority of Burnett's Cocoaine for the hair

So highly concentrated are Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts, that a small quantity only need be used. Get a bottle of any flavor, and see how much more the bottles hold, besides being superior in strength.

Green, Orange, and Purple are among the "mixed colors" produced by the proper mixture of blue, but in the twinkling of an eye Nature's browns and grays are reproduced by Hall's Instantaneous Hair Dye.

Cristadoro's Hair Dye has assumed the first place among articles of its class. No other dye bears titles to so near gray hair to its credentials. The antecedences is so natural that it cannot be distinguished from the latter tints. Sold everywhere. Manufactory, 6 Maiden Lane, New York.

"Simply This, and Nothing More."—If your hair is coming out, want of proper nutriment is the cause. Phalon's Vitalia or Hair Invigorator supplies that want. It is at once nourishment and medicine for the hair, promoting its growth, improving its texture, invigorating its roots, and curing its diseases. Sold by all Druggists.

A Work of Mercy is $150,000 in 3,000 cash prizes will be legally distributed, March 26, in aid of the sick and destitute at Mercy Hospital, Omaha, under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy. Highest prize, $50,000. Tickets, $5 each, or two for $9. Extraordinary inducements to clubs. For full particulars address Potter & Gardiner, Omaha, Neb.

Batchelor's Hair Dye.—This superb hair dye is the best in the world,—perfectly harmless, reliable and instantaneous; no disappointment; no ridiculous tints or disagreeable odor. The genuine is signed A. Batchelor's name in a steel plate; sold by all druggists and perfumers; and properly applied at Batchelor's Wig Factory, No. 16 Bond-st., New York.

Wilbor's Cod Liver Oil and Lime.—Persons who have used Wilbor's Cod Liver Oil and Lime testify to its having accomplished, in many instances, all that is claimed for it. Physicians prescribe it confidently, in the full knowledge that it is a reliable preparation of the pure oil and lime in such a manner that it is palatable and tonic, and its effects in lung complaints are truly wonderful. They may rely upon it. Those who were pronounced hopeless, and who had taken the usual remedies in vain, without benefit, have been entirely cured by using this preparation. Be sure and get the genuine. Manufactured only by A. B. Wilbor, Chemist, No. 162 Court-st., Boston. Sold by all druggists.

FINANCIAL.

JURORS' CERTIFICATES CASHED, AND Cook County Orders bought. Money loaned on collateral securities. Insurance paper bought and sold. Room 1, 46 South Desplaines-st.

MONEY TO LOAN ON CHICAGO CITY PROPERTY, at current rates. MEAD & COE, 79 West Madison-st.

MONEY TO LOAN ON CITY PROPERTY. McLOUTH & LAIMAN, 100 Washington.

MONEY TO LOAN ON CHICAGO REAL ESTATE in sums of $1,000 and upwards. Chicago Loan Agency, W. BUTLER, 42½ Wabash-av., Room 16.

TWO LOAN—MONEY TO LOAN ON CHICAGO real estate and collaterals. G. & H. HUBBARD, Jr., 10 South Canal-st.

TWO LOAN—MONEY FOR A TERM OF YEARS at 8 per cent, in sums to suit, on good city and suburban property. SHELDON & WATERMAN, Room 2, corner Lasalle and Monroe-sts.

TWO LOAN—$20,000 IN SUMS OF $5,000 AND UPwards, on improved city or suburban real estate. LYMAN & JACKSON, 73 West Madison-st.

$7,500 TO LOAN FOR 3 OR 5 YEARS, ON first-class real estate. On choice security, once. SIDNEY L. UNDERWOOD, 49 Wabash-av.

$8,000 TO LOAN IN TWO SUMS FOR 6 and 12 months, on good security. HART & RIGGS, 59 East Harrison-st.

$30,000 TO LOAN ON GOOD REAL ESTATE security, for long time, at current rates. S. F. DOWNING & CO., 57½ Wabash-av.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—LOT 25x125, ON WASHINGTON-ST., near Sixteenth; price $1,000; $200 cash. FOX & BELLAMY, 105 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—ON LAKE-ST., BETWEEN WOOD and Lincoln, 50x127; $1400 per foot. On Walnut-st., between Lincoln and Wood, 50x127; $1,200 per foot. On Marcy-st., between Tyler and Harrison, 20x125; $125 per foot. J. H. KEELER, 207 Halsted-st., corner Harrison.

FOR SALE—$2,000. HALF CASH, WILL BUY A store, dwelling and valuable lease on the corner of West Lake and Desplaines-sts. CULVER & HOVEY, 109 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—41 FEET ON WABash-av., cor. Prentiss-st., offered for three days only by HERRICK & WHITE, 204 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—AT A SACRIFICE, A 3-STORY marble front house and lot; only $7,500 if taken at once. Apply on the premises, No. 41 Lexington-st.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—ON DEPUYSTER-ST. ON Kinzie ground; lease expires May 1; will be sold at a bargain. MEAD & COE, 79 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—SIXTEEN FEET, EAST FRONT, ON Dearborn-st., 50 feet Thirty-first-st. THOS. A. & M. HILL, 401 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—WABPANSEH-AV. HOUSE AND lot, 50x125, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second-sts. Price $3,500. Inquire of the owner at 320 State-st., Chicago.

FOR SALE—24 BUILDING LOTS IN THE SUBurbs, on the South side, $150 each. Will sell all to one person, or in a club of 4 or 5 persons. Terms, $10 per month. Price to parties buying alone, $200 per foot. Interest 7 per cent. THOS. A. & M. HILL, 401 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—BY H. C. SAMPSON, 529 MITCHell-st., near North Chicago Rolling Mill, West Side: lot 100 feet front by 125 deep; house $2,400 feet. Apply to J. S. PALMER, on premises.

FOR SALE—LOT ON CLARK-ST., 20x125, TO Caldwell-st. $250 per foot. Also a lot on Adams-st., 25x125 per foot. Both first-class. E. H. CUMMINGS, 66 Fulton-st., to be 11 a. m.

FOR SALE—LOTS FROM $300 TO $625 ON KINzie and Wentworth-avs., and Arnold-st., near Sedgwick, shown, if improved immediately. JOHN F. STARR, 47 West Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—$4,000 WILL BUY A NICE HOUSE and lot near Union Park, worth $5,000; half cash. GEO. H. HESS, corner Lasalle and Monroe-sts.

FOR SALE—IMMEDIATELY, A LARGE BASE ment cottage and lot on Walnut-st. Price, $4,500. Apply at 40 Walnut-st.

FOR SALE—BY SIDNEY I. UNDERWOOD, 49 Wabash-av.—I now have in my office real estate in nearly all portions of the city for sale.

Valuable and desirable property centrally located.

Valuable unimproved in burnt district.

10 tenement houses on West Side, second-st.

Fine residences on South and West sides.

Beautiful residences in Oakland, Kenwood, and Hyde Park.

Choice lots in Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Riverside.

Lots in Irving Park and Lincoln Centre.

FOR SALE—LOT, HOUSE, AND FURNITURE, 7 rooms, bath and cellar, on Warren-av., only $4,000. Also large lot on Jackson-st., cheap. A 1, 8, 17, 46 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—MANUFACTURING LOTS—5 LOTS, 75x125 feet each, northeast corner of Kinzie and Sangamon-sts.

5 lots, 25x125 feet each, southwest corner Kinzie and Carpenter-sts.

10 lots, 25x206 feet each, southeast corner of Kinzie and Goodrich-sts. All these lots have a railway front on Wright & Co.'s track. Also, 5 lots on Lowe-av., north of Douglas Place (Thirty-fifth-st.) and east of Halsted-st. ISAAC R. DILLER, northwest corner of Ada and Fulton-st.

FOR SALE—BY W. J. ONAHAN, 38 CENTRAL Union Block cottage and lot on Butterfield-st., between Thirtieth and Thirty-first-sts. Also, a good two lot on Indiana-st., for $1,800, lot alone would be cheap at the price.

FOR SALE—SHEFFIELD-AV.—OUTSIDE OF fire limits, and on the line of the Chicago & Evanston Dummy Railroad, two lots, east from the Sheffield Station, 50x125, for $1,000. Easy payments. SNYDER & LEE, Real Estate Agents, Metropolitan Block Building, northeast corner of Monroe and Lasalle-sts.

FOR SALE—THE FRAME HOUSE WITH brick basement, on the northwest corner of Curtis and Sedgwick-sts. To be sold cheap. Apply from 10 to 12 o'clock a. m. at 227 West Madison-st., up-stairs.

FOR SALE—WEST ADAMS—100 OR 200 FEET front, northeast corner of Adams and Winchester. SNYDER & LEE, No. 14 Nixon's Building, North Clark-st., near Court House.

FOR SALE—ILLINOIS AND ST. CLAIR-STS.—100 by 100 feet, northwest corner of Illinois and St. Clair-sts. SNYDER & LEE, No. 14 Nixon's Building, northeast corner of Monroe and Lasalle-sts.

FOR SALE—INDIANA-ST.—5 LOTS ON INDIana-st., near Hoyne. SNYDER & LEE, No. 14 Nixon's Building, northeast corner of Monroe and Lasalle-sts.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND BARN, 24 MYRICK-st., near Sedgwick; has 6 rooms. BARKER & WAIT, 46 East Harrison-st.

FOR SALE—STORE AND DWELLING, WITH lease, situate corner of Ann and West Madison-sts. Will be sold cheap for cash. Inquire of FRANK & UNDERWOOD, 92 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—ON INDIANA-AV., TWO WHITE stone front houses; $14,000 and $15,000.

TO LEASE—For 5 years, corner building on Wabash-av., in burnt district, 20x110, four stories and basement. Rent, $1,200 per annum.

Also, other houses, leases, and lots, for sale.

BARKER & WAIT, 46 East Harrison-st.

FOR SALE—BY FRANCIS W. CORBY & CO., Real Estate Agents, 45 Hubbard-court:

No. 1—Two-story and basement cottage, 7 rooms, $2,200.

No. 2—Two-story and basement house, 12 rooms each; brick bath; $9,000 each.

PARK-AV.—2-story house, 10 rooms; $2,800; easy terms. Also, 2 lots on Park-av., 50 feet front, 24 years at 7 per cent.

ELIZABETH-ST.—2-room house, $1,500, on monthly payments.

NORTH SANGAMON-ST.—2-room house, $2,200, on monthly payments.

A large list of residence property in North, South, and West Divisions.

FOR SALE—$38,000 FOURTH-AV., 80 FEET front, 66,000 each; lot alone worth $16,000 to-day. DAVID WILLIAMS, 213 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—A LARGE BUILDING WITH TWO stores and 10 dwellings, on Clybourn-av., near Division-st. Catharine and M Schellist, in Sampson & Greene's addition. Also, 81 very cottage lots, 25x125 each, in Sampson & Greene's addition. Also, 2 lots on Fullerton-av., 50x125 each, on Lincoln Centre. Also, 2 lots on Lincoln-av., 50x125 each, on Lincoln Centre. Come and take a short ride and see for yourself. Title perfect; full abstract furnished; terms very easy. J. S. HARDING, 127 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—AT HINSDALE—HOUSES AND lots, on very easy terms. The very best lots in Hinsdale, choice shrubbery, and trees planted; walks and sidewalks, for $10 per foot; no pay for 5 years. Call on the owner, at 85 State-st. C. J. STOUGH.

FOR SALE—HOUSES AND LOTS IN RAVENSwood on easy terms. Come with a cool clock and see the place; return at 3 p. m. WM. A. TRAVIS, 6 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—$1,300, $600 CASH; WILL BUY A NEW cottage and lot 28x125 in a good locality. J. S. GOULD, 354 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—LOTS 25x125, FOR $450, $125 CASH, balance to suit purchaser. Also, 2 lots, 50x125, for $1,000, $250 cash. JAMES H. HILL & CO., 379 State-st.

FOR SALE—LEASES, SEVERAL LONG AND desirable leases on Lots, Leavitt, Fullerton and Halsted-sts., in Lincoln Centre. Also, 2 lots on Lincoln-av., 50x125 each, on